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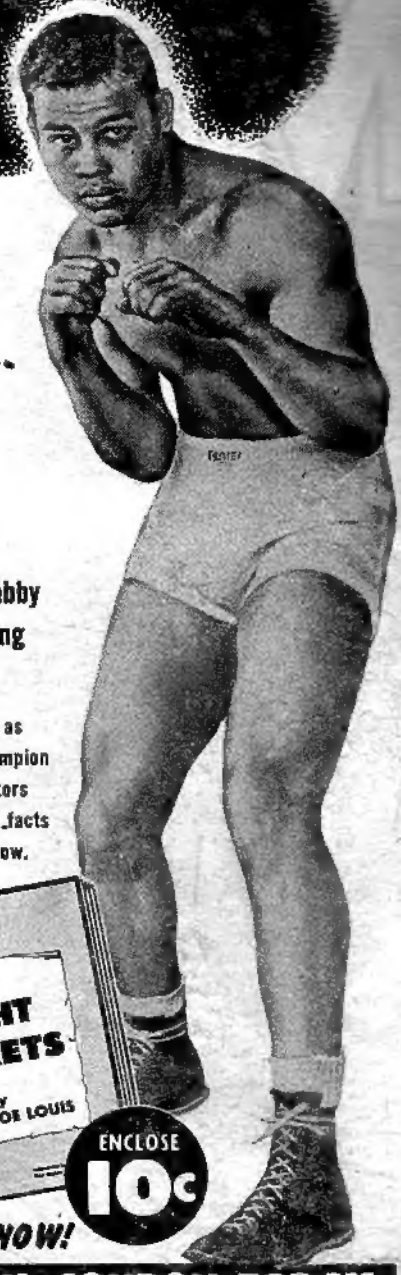

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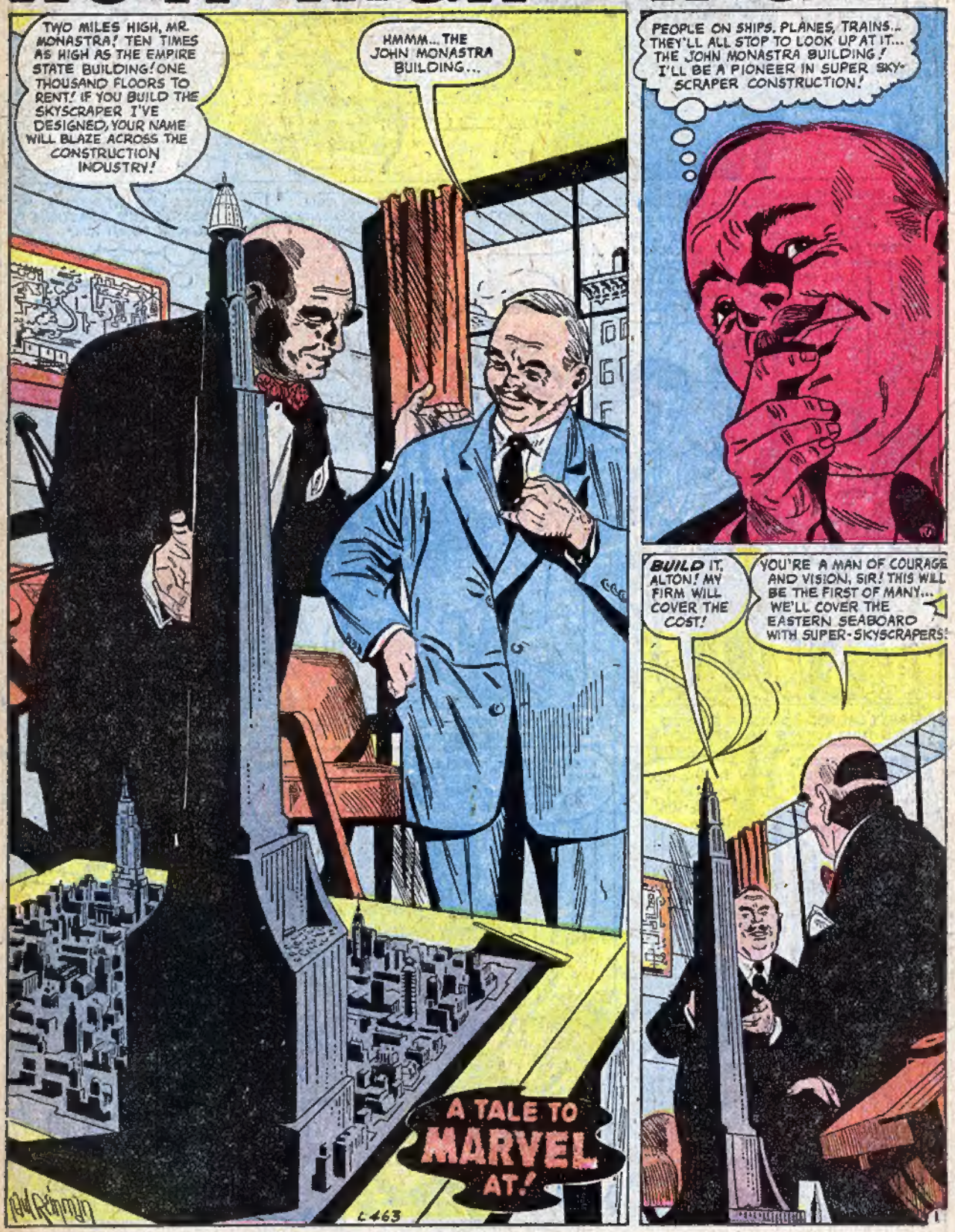
ARCHITECT NED CORCORAN BELIEVED IN PROGRESS... BUT WHEN J.R. ALTON STARTED TO BUILD A SKYSCRAPER TWO MILES HIGH... TEN TIMES AS HIGH AS THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING... NED KNEW IT WAS TIME TO ASK...

HOW HIGH IS HIGH?


TWO MILES HIGH, MR. MONASTRA! TEN TIMES AS HIGH AS THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING! ONE THOUSAND FLOORS TO RENT! IF YOU BUILD THE SKYSCRAPER I'VE DESIGNED, YOUR NAME WILL BLAZE ACROSS THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY!
HMMM... THE JOHN MONASTRA BUILDING...
PEOPLE ON SHIPS, PLANES, TRAINS... THEY'LL ALL STOP TO LOOK UP AT IT... THE JOHN MONASTRA BUILDING! I'LL BE A PIONEER IN SUPER SKY-SCRAPER CONSTRUCTION!
BUILD IT, ALTON! MY FIRM WILL COVER THE COST!
YOU'RE A MAN OF COURAGE AND VISION, SIR! THIS WILL BE THE FIRST OF MANY... WE'LL COVER THE EASTERN SEABOARD WITH SUPER-SKYSCRAPERS!
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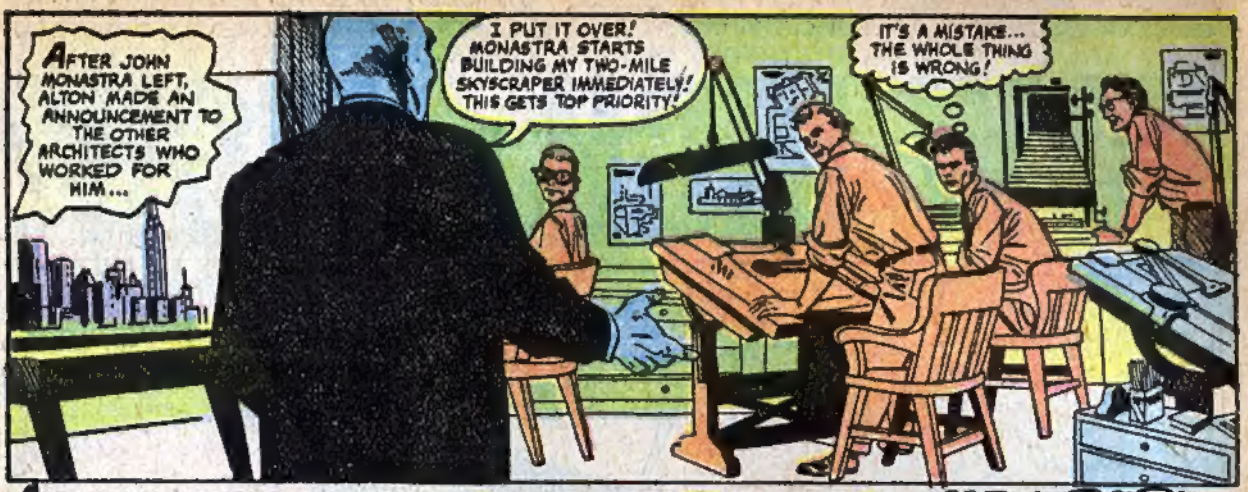
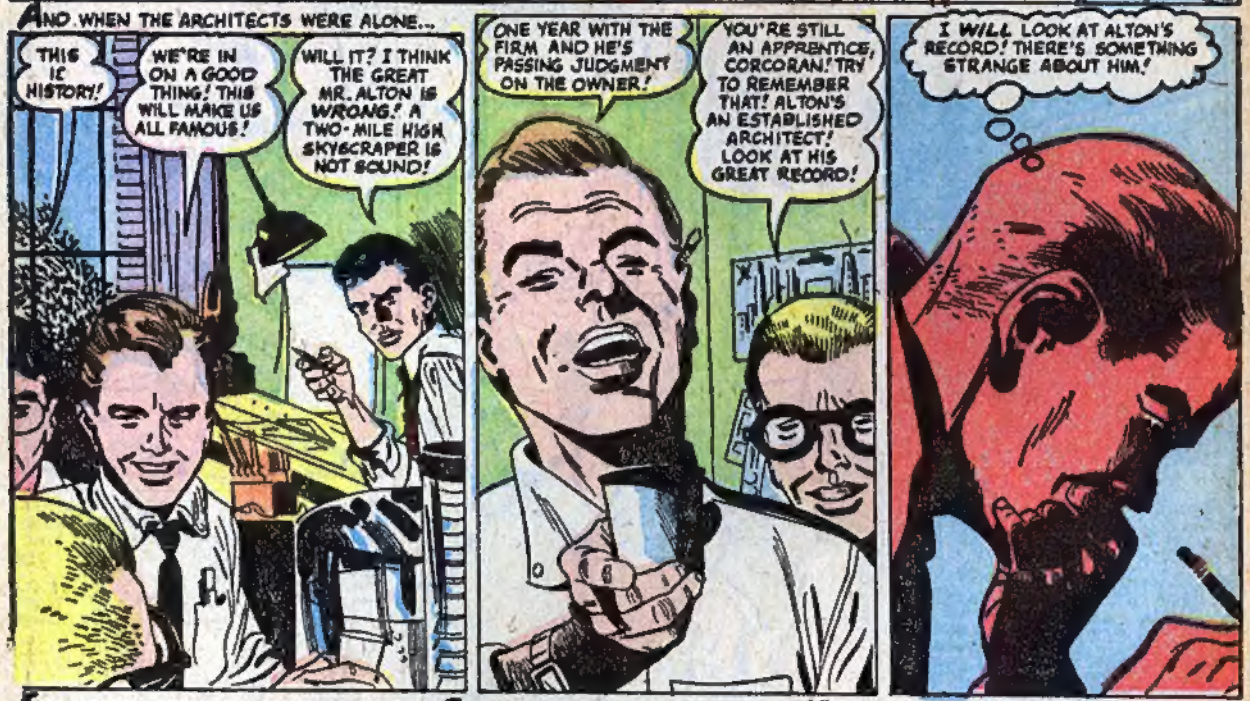
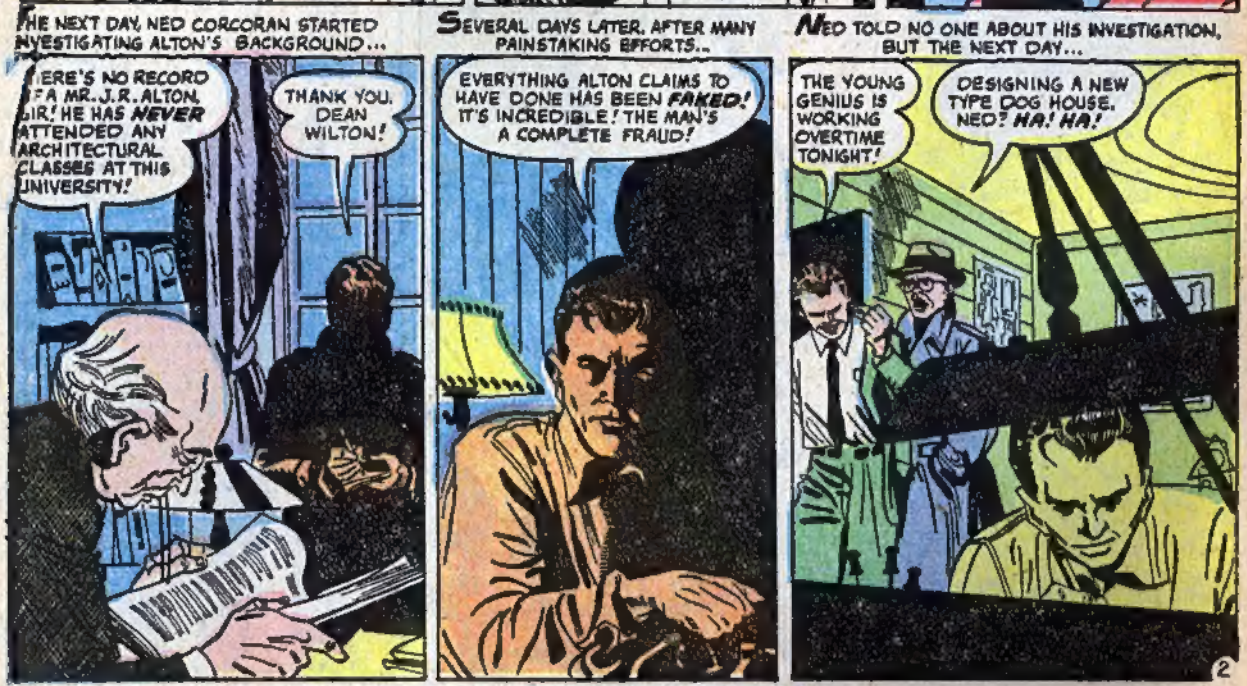
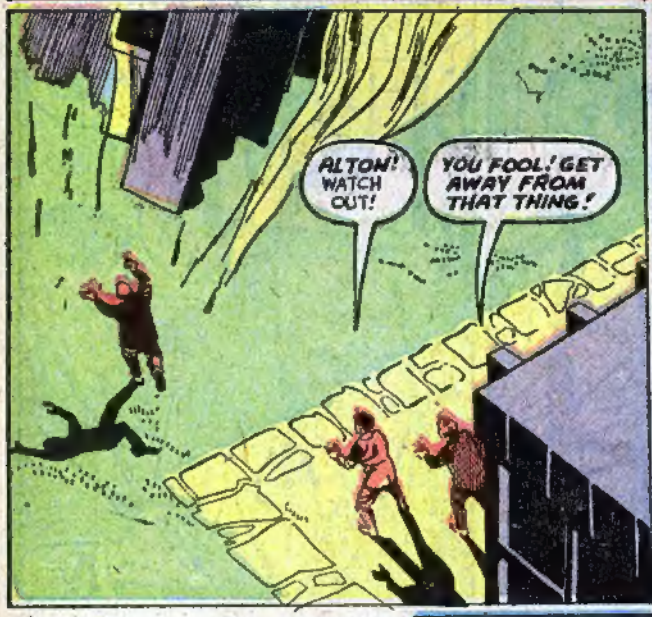

AFTER JOHN MONASTRA LEFT, ALTON MADE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO THE OTHER ARCHITECTS WHO WORKED FOR HIM...
I PUT IT OVER! MONASTRA STARTS BUILDING MY TWO-MILE SKYSCRAPER IMMEDIATELY! THIS GETS TOP PRIORITY!
IT'S A MISTAKE... THE WHOLE THING IS WRONG!


AND WHEN THE ARCHITECTS WERE ALONE...
THIS IS HISTORY!
WE'RE IN ON A GOOD THING! THIS WILL MAKE US ALL FAMOUS!
WILL IT? I THINK THE GREAT MR. ALTON IS WRONG! A TWO-MILE HIGH SKYSCRAPER IS NOT SOUND!
ONE YEAR WITH THE FIRM AND HE'S PASSING JUDGMENT ON THE OWNER!
YOU'RE STILL AN APPRENTICE, CORCORAN! TRY TO REMEMBER THAT! ALTON'S AN ESTABLISHED ARCHITECT! LOOK AT HIS GREAT RECORD!
I WILL LOOK AT ALTON'S RECORD! THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT HIM!

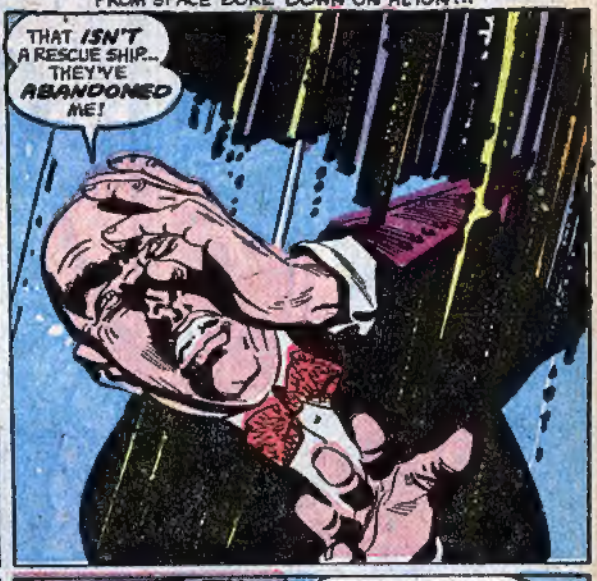

THE NEXT DAY, NED CORCORAN STARTED INVESTIGATING ALTON'S BACKGROUND...
SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AFTER MANY PAINSTAKING EFFORTS...
NED TOLD NO ONE ABOUT HIS INVESTIGATION, BUT THE NEXT DAY...
ERE'S NO RECORD F A MR. J.R. ALTON, IR! HE HAS NEVER ATTENDED ANY ARCHITECTURAL CLASSES AT THIS UNIVERSITY!
THANK YOU, DEAN WILTON!
EVERYTHING ALTON CLAIMS TO HAVE DONE HAS BEEN FAKED! IT'S INCREDIBLE! THE MAN'S A COMPLETE FRAUD!
THE YOUNG GENIUS IS WORKING OVERTIME TONIGHT!
DESIGNING A NEW TYPE DOG HOUSE, NED? HA! HA!

EVERY SINGLE NIGHT, ALTON WORKS! HE NEVER SLEEPS! NEVER EATS OR SMOKES OR RELAXES LIKE OTHER PEOPLE! I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON BEHIND THAT DOOR!
J. R. ALTON PRIVATE
THE FIRST SUPER SKYSCRAPER WILL BE CONSTRUCTED SOON! THEY SUSPECT NOTHING! MORE SKY-SCRAPERS WILL FOLLOW... MANY MORE!
GOOD. OUR AGENT ON THE PLANET KOTTO HAS BEEN TAKEN OFF BY A RESCUE SHIP! PLANET KOTTO HAS MANY SUPER-SKYSCRAPERS... THEIR WEIGHT HAS CHANGED KOTTO NORMAL ROTATION... IT WILL SOON TEAR ITSELF APART!
ALL OF MY SKYSCRAPERS WILL BE ERECTED ON THE EASTERN SEABOARD OF THE UNITED STATES ON THE PLANET EARTH! IT WILL NOT TAKE LONG TO DESTROY THIS PLANET!
GOOD! A RESCUE SHIP WILL PICK YOU UP BEFORE EARTH TEARS ITSELF TO PIECES OR IF YOU GET INTO ANY DIFFICULTY!
ALTON... HE'S FROM ANOTHER WORLD! I'VE GOT TO TELL MONASTRA WE'VE GOT TO STOP HIM!
LATER, IN THE HOME OF THE CONSTRUCTION MAGNET...
IT'S FANTASTIC, NED! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WHY DIDN'T YOU GO TO THE POLICE?
YOU JUST SAID YOU CAN'T BELIEVE IT! WHAT WOULD THE POLICE SAY? NOW ARE YOU GOING TO HELP ME?
WE'LL FACE ALTON WITH THE FACTS YOU'VE GATHERED! HE SHOULD BE AT HIS HOME! COME ON!
HE'LL DENY EVERYTHING! I DON'T KNOW HOW WE CAN PROVE IT!
TOGETHER, THEY WENT TO J.R. ALTON'S ESTATE... AND AFTER MONASTRA TOLD ALTON OF NED'S INVESTIGATION, THE ARCHITECT REACTED STRANGELY...
...SO THAT'S NED'S STORY, ALTON! WHAT ABOUT IT?
OH, COME OFF IT! BOTH OF YOU! THIS KID IS TELLING YOU FAIRY TALES, MR. MONASTRA! YOU'RE A BIG BUSINESSMAN! SURELY YOU COULDN'T BELIEVE ANYTHING AS FANTASTIC AS ALL THIS! SAY, IS THIS A JOKE?

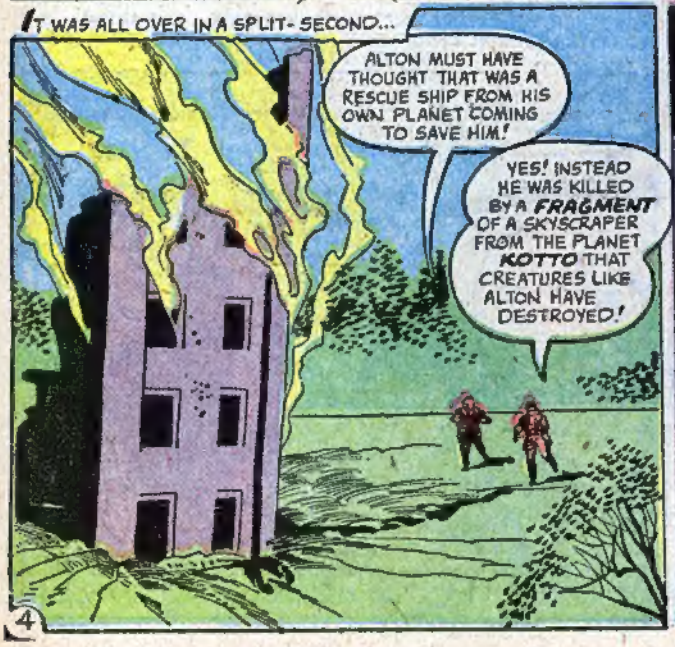
I HEARD YOU PLOTTING THE DESTRUCTION OF EARTH! RIGHT NOW, SOMEWHERE IN SPACE, A PLANET CALLED KOTTO IS READY TO TEAR ITSELF APART...
THIS MAN IS SICK, MONASTRA! I THINK IT'S TIME TO CALL MY ATTORNEY! THIS IS GOING TO COST YOU PLENTY... ACCUSING ME OF SUCH FANTASTIC NONSENSE!

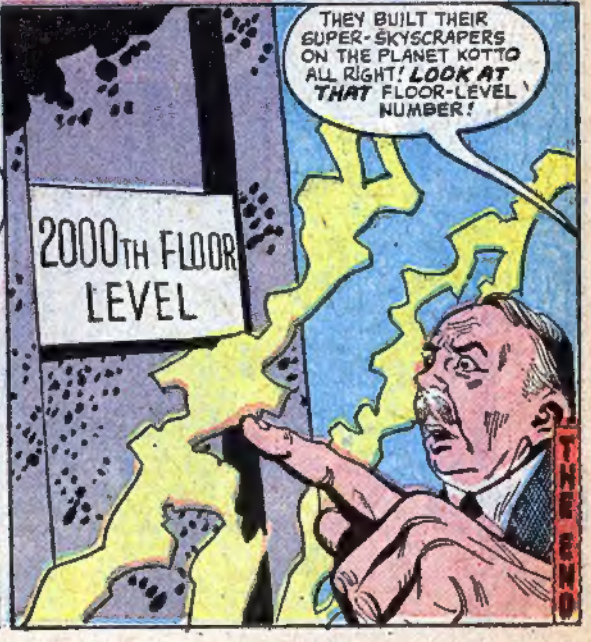


LIKE A HISSING DEMON, THE CHUNK OF FLAMING MATERIAL FROM SPACE BORE DOWN ON ALTON...



IT WAS ALL OVER IN A SPLIT-SECOND...


ALTON MUST HAVE THOUGHT THAT WAS A RESCUE SHIP FROM HIS OWN PLANET COMING TO SAVE HIM!
YES! INSTEAD HE WAS KILLED BY A FRAGMENT OF A SKYSCRAPER FROM THE PLANET KOTTO THAT CREATURES LIKE ALTON HAVE DESTROYED!



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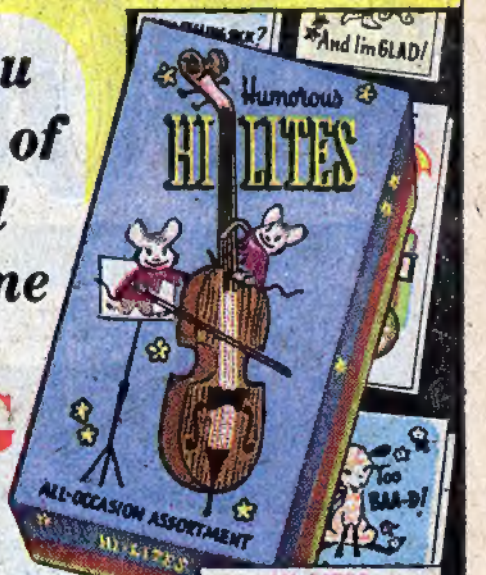

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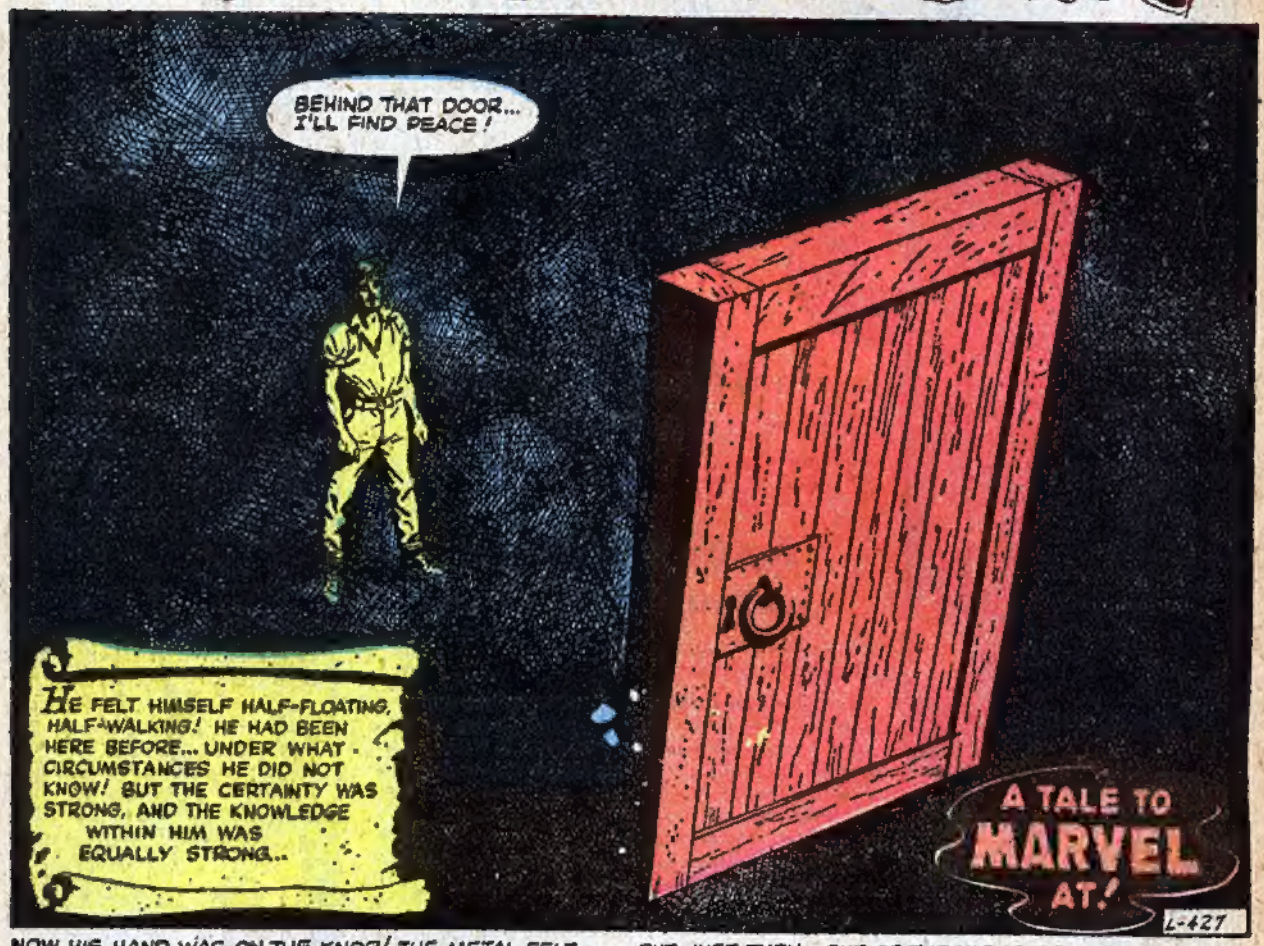
The DOOR TO...?


BEHIND THAT DOOR... I'LL FIND PEACE!
HE FELT HIMSELF HALF-FLOATING, HALF-WALKING! HE HAD BEEN HERE BEFORE... UNDER WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES HE DID NOT KNOW! BUT THE CERTAINTY WAS STRONG, AND THE KNOWLEDGE WITHIN HIM WAS EQUALLY STRONG...
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NOW HIS HAND WAS ON THE KNOB! THE METAL FELT STRANGELY WARM AND COMFORTING! AN ODD BLISS WAS CALMING THE TRIP-HAMMER BEAT OF HIS HEART...

BUT JUST THEN...OUT OF THE NIGHT, SPLINTERING THE DARK QUIET, CAME THE LONG, DRAWN-OUT CALLS OF THE FOUR-LEGGED HUNTERS...

AND HE WAS **AWAKE** NOW AND RUNNING FRANTICALLY, LEAVING THE QUICKLY DISSOLVING **DREAM DOOR** BEHIND HIM...

CAN'T LET THEM GET TOO CLOSE! IT'LL BE MY FINISH IF I DO!

BUT THEY WERE ALREADY TOO CLOSE! HIS MAN-SCENT, GUIDING THEM, WAS TOO FRESH, TOO CLEAR! SOON THEY WOULD BE SNAPPING AT HIS HEELS! HE HAD NO CHOICE!

THE RIVER... MY ONLY CHANCE!

HE WAS HIDING BEHIND THE WATERFALL, NOW, SHIVERING DESPITE HIS TRIUMPH AT HAVING THWARTED THE BLOOD-HOUNDS WHO HAD LOST HIS SCENT AT THE RIVER'S EDGE...

MUSTN'T LET MYSELF FALL ASLEEP! MUSTN'T DREAM ABOUT THAT DOOR AGAIN!

BUT THE NEED TO SLEEP WAS TOO STRONG WITHIN HIM! WEIGHTED DOWN BY A TERRIBLE WEARINESS, HIS EYE-LIDS SLOWLY BEGAN TO DESCEND...

CAN'T... STAY AWAKE!

AGAIN HE FELT HIMSELF COMPELLED TO APPROACH THE SHADOWY DOOR! AGAIN HE WAS BEING DRAGGED FORWARD BY THE INEXPLICABLE CONVICTION THAT ONCE HE WALKED THRU THAT DOOR...

I'LL BE ABLE TO STOP HIDING... STOP RUNNING!

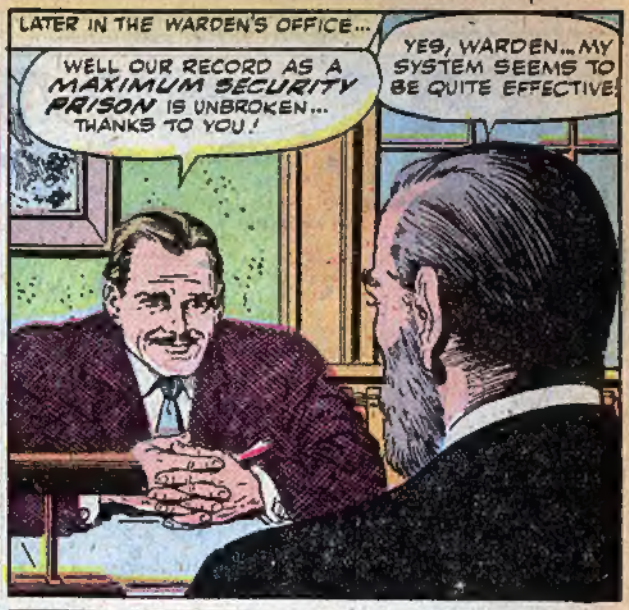
IT WAS THEN THAT THE SHADOWS SUDDENLY FLED, AND THE SUNLIGHT'S GLARE SCORCHED HIS EYES, AND HE FOUND HIMSELF GASPING WITH DISMAY FOR **THE DREAM HAD STOPPED!** AND NOW HE WAS REALLY STANDING IN FRONT OF THE DOOR! AND...

I-I KNOW WHAT THE DOOR LEADS TO!

HE TURNED TO FLEE, BUT HANDS REACHED OUT FOR HIM, GRASPING HIM ROUGHLY...

NO! NO!

TELL THE WARDEN THAT HE CAME BACK!
THIS DOOR KEEPS CALLING THEM... AND THEY ALWAYS COME BACK!


LATER IN THE WARDEN'S OFFICE...
WELL OUR RECORD AS A MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISON IS UNBROKEN... THANKS TO YOU!
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I STILL CAN'T GET OVER HOW YOU DO IT!

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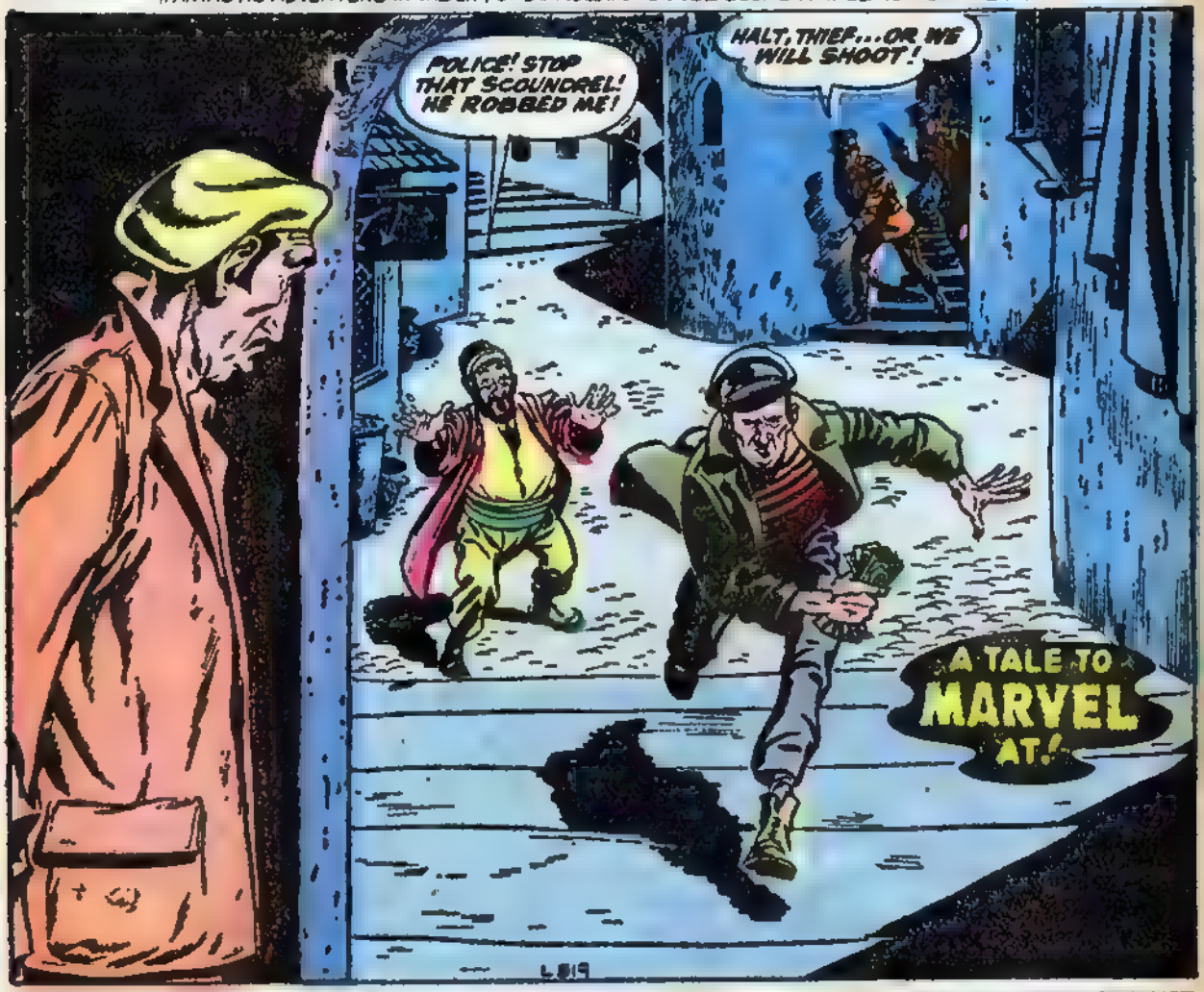


WE'VE CAUGHT YOUR THIEF!
NO! HE IS NOT THE ONE! THE THIEF'S FACE I SAW... THIS IS NOT IT!
HE IS THE THIEF... BUT SOMEHOW HE HAS CHANGED HIS FACE!

PIERRE DUVAL SINKS INTO THE OBLIVION OF SHADOWS IN AMAZEMENT...

THIS MONEY THE THIEF GAVE ME... I COULD KEEP IT FOR MYSELF! BUT I WOULD RATHER KNOW HOW HE'S ABLE TO CHANGE HIS FACE... AND THE ONLY WAY I CAN FIND OUT IS TO GO TO THE PLACE HE INSTRUCTED ME TO!

RODENT-LIKE, PIERRE SCURRIES OVER THE COBBLE-STONED AND STEP-TERRACED CASBAH STREETS... TOWARD 13 RUE DE LA DIABLE...

WHEN PIERRE ARRIVES, THE THIEF IS ALREADY THERE, CASUALLY SIPPING TEA AND NIBBLING ON SWEETMEATS...

YES, IT IS I... WITH MY TRUE FACE! AFTER WHAT THE SHOPKEEPER TOLD THE POLICE, THEY COULD DO NOTHING BUT LET ME GO!

BUT HOW DO YOU CHANGE YOUR FACE?

BY SIMPLY PASSING MY RIGHT HAND OVER MY FACE...

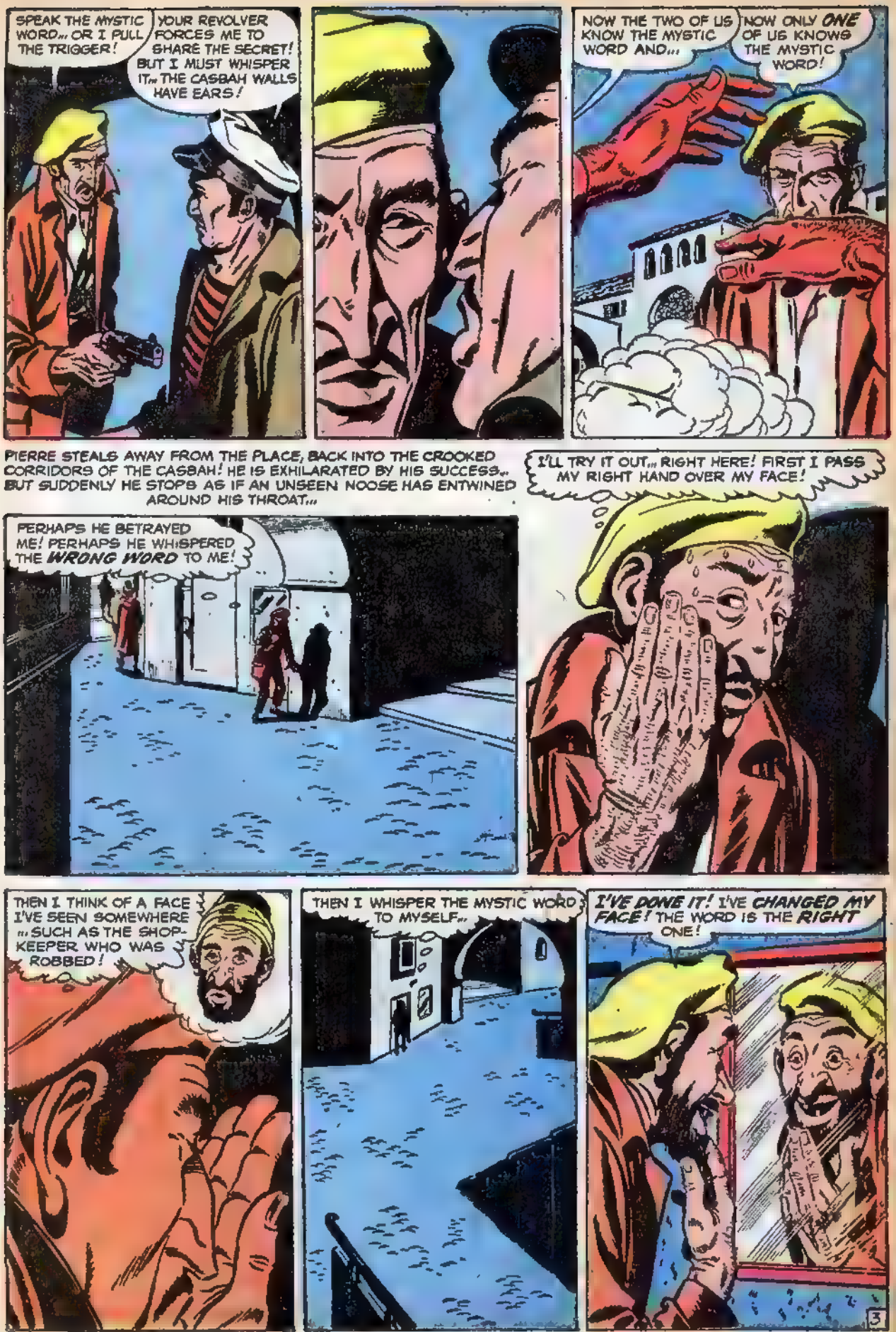
AND THINKING OF SOME ACTUAL FACE I'VE SEEN SOMEWHERE... AND THEN SILENTLY SAYING THE WORD BEQUEATHED ME BY AN ANCIENT, LONG-DEPARTED MYSTIC OF THE CASBAH!

ANOTHER GESTURE, ANOTHER THOUGHT OF MY *OWN* FACE, AND THEN THE MYSTIC WORD... AND *VOILA!*... I HAVE MY OWN FACE BACK AGAIN!

AMAZING! WHAT IS THE MYSTIC WORD YOU WHISPER TO YOURSELF?

THAT, MY FRIEND, IS *MY* SECRET... AND MY SECRET ALONE!

IT HAS BEEN YOUR SECRET ALONE LONG ENOUGH... NOW YOU WILL *SHARE IT WITH ME!*


SPEAK THE MYSTIC WORD... OR I PULL THE TRIGGER!
YOUR REVOLVER FORCES ME TO SHARE THE SECRET! BUT I MUST WHISPER IT... THE CASBAH WALLS HAVE EARS!
NOW THE TWO OF US KNOW THE MYSTIC WORD AND...
NOW ONLY ONE OF US KNOWS THE MYSTIC WORD!
PIERRE STEALS AWAY FROM THE PLACE, BACK INTO THE CROOKED CORRIDORS OF THE CASBAH! HE IS EXHILARATED BY HIS SUCCESS... BUT SUDDENLY HE STOPS AS IF AN UNSEEN NOOSE HAS ENTWINED AROUND HIS THROAT...
PERHAPS HE BETRAYED ME! PERHAPS HE WHISPERED THE WRONG WORD TO ME!
I'LL TRY IT OUT... RIGHT HERE! FIRST I PASS MY RIGHT HAND OVER MY FACE!
THEN I THINK OF A FACE I'VE SEEN SOMEWHERE ... SUCH AS THE SHOPKEEPER WHO WAS ROBBED!
THEN I WHISPER THE MYSTIC WORD TO MYSELF...
I'VE DONE IT! I'VE CHANGED MY FACE! THE WORD IS THE RIGHT ONE!
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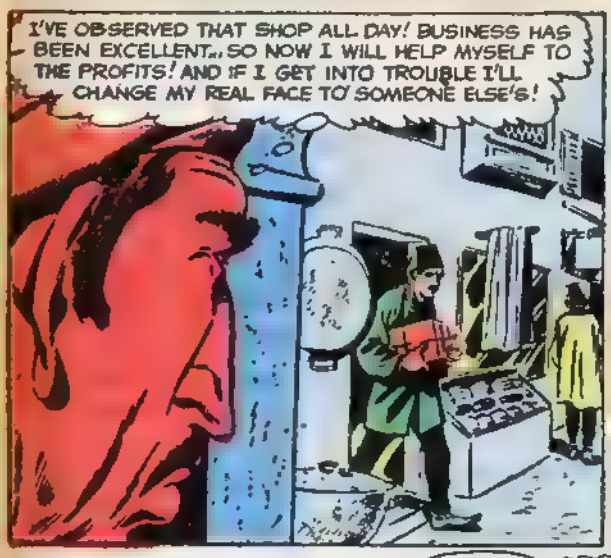
IMPATIENCE IS A TIGER INSIDE PIERRE! HE IS ANXIOUS TO PUT HIS NEWLY-ACQUIRED SECRET POWER TO WORK! AND THE FOLLOWING EVENING HE DOES..


I'VE OBSERVED THAT SHOP ALL DAY! BUSINESS HAS BEEN EXCELLENT.. SO NOW I WILL HELP MYSELF TO THE PROFITS! AND IF I GET INTO TROUBLE I'LL CHANGE MY REAL FACE TO SOMEONE ELSE'S!

OF YOUR TWO MOST VALUABLE POSSESSIONS, SHOPKEEPER, WHICH DO YOU PREFER I TAKE.. YOUR MONEY OR YOUR LIFE?
MY MONEY! TAKE MY MONEY.. SPARE MY LIFE!

BUT AS SOON AS PIERRE STEPS OUTSIDE, THE SHOPKEEPER SOUNDS AN ALARM..

PIERRE PASSES HIS RIGHT HAND OVER HIS FACE! HE THINKS OF A FACE HE HAS SEEN.. THEN HE WHISPERS THE MYSTIC WORD..

IT'S AMAZING! WE CAUGHT THIS MAN ONLY YESTERDAY.. I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW HE COULD HAVE BROKEN OUT OF JAIL!
OFFICIAL POLICE BULLETIN
THIS CRIMINAL IS DANGEROUS
SHOOT ON SIGHT
THE END

The Quill Pen

IT was on the antique desk when Paul moved in. But he hardly paid any attention to it. Instead, his eyes roved over the dark, dismal room the landlady was showing him. It was a fourth-floor walkup with faded furniture and a tiny curtained-off kitchenette. Hidden from view were a narrow wall refrigerator, a small two-burner stove and a small sink. A long window with a western exposure let in a faint ray of light.

"Bare, bleak and beautifully suited to my meager budget, Mrs. Harding," he announced. "Ten dollars a week. That's more than it's worth . . . more than I can really afford . . . and far less than I could possibly pay in a decent locale. So, what more can I say? A man's home is his castle. I'll defend this palace against any pretender to my throne. Let this ten-dollar bill be my first retainer on your affection and loyal service. Perhaps from this lofty pinnacle, I shall go on to bigger and better triumphs."

He chuckled gleefully as he measured the landlady's startled glance. "You need not fear me, good lady," he said solemnly. "I'm just a poor, frustrated writer whom the world has not yet had time to discover. I've got the wisdom of the ages behind me, and I'm a subtle student of human emotions. I string words together like pearls, but, alas, there are no experts with fine ground lens who can recognize my genius. I remain locked in obscurity, penning my polished prose only for posterity"

"I do declare, young man," the landlady had regained some of her composure, "I'm not a bit surprised your writing doesn't sell. Why, if you write like you talk, I doubt there's a soul about who'd even begin to understand you. You say you've got wisdom. What good is it if you can't make your readers understand what you want to say? You've got your head in the clouds and that's why your feet can't quite reach the ground. If I were you, I'd try to come back to reality. I'd sit myself down at that desk and write simply and sincerely what I felt. That way, some folks might be more interested in your words."

Paul's eyes swept over the old desk. "Perhaps you're right," he agreed absently. "Perhaps that *is* what's wrong with my stories. Maybe what I've been missing is simplicity and some good common sense. But what about this old desk? It looks like it's about to collapse. And that old quill pen near the ink stand, if that isn't a relic of the forgotten past! That pen is probably as worthless for writing as I am with my tinny typewriter," he laughed wryly.

"That desk," Mrs. Harding answered with considerable indignation, "will probably outlast you and your writing. The dealer who sold it to me said that it once belonged to George Washington. The pen came with it. I was told that Washington's inspirational words to his soldiers at Valley Forge were written with that pen before he joined them at the battle site. That pen wrote some of the most famous lines in history. But, of course, that wouldn't be a good enough tool for a fine writer like *you*." Her sarcasm swept over Paul.

He walked slowly to the desk and picked up the pen. He studied it with new-found respect. Then, deliberately, he dipped it in ink and dashed off his signature several times on a pad on the desk. "My," he commented in surprise to Mrs. Harding, "I never noticed before what a flourish and a majestic flow my signature has."

The landlady craned her neck. She, too, discovered new respect. "You do write in a lovely hand," she conceded. "A person with such distinguished writing ought to possess a fine character. If your stories are as good, I'm sure you'll enjoy considerable success some day."

Mrs. Harding proved an excellent prophet.

After she left, Paul began to read the evening newspaper. His eye was suddenly caught by an advertisement on a spectacular new soap slogan contest. The type read: *Please complete the following line in twenty-five words or less* . . . The rules were simple and the reward fabulous. Paul found himself studying the provisions carefully.

"Odd that a thing like this never attracted me before," he muttered to himself. "But now it captivates me. Maybe Mrs. Harding is right. I ought to be

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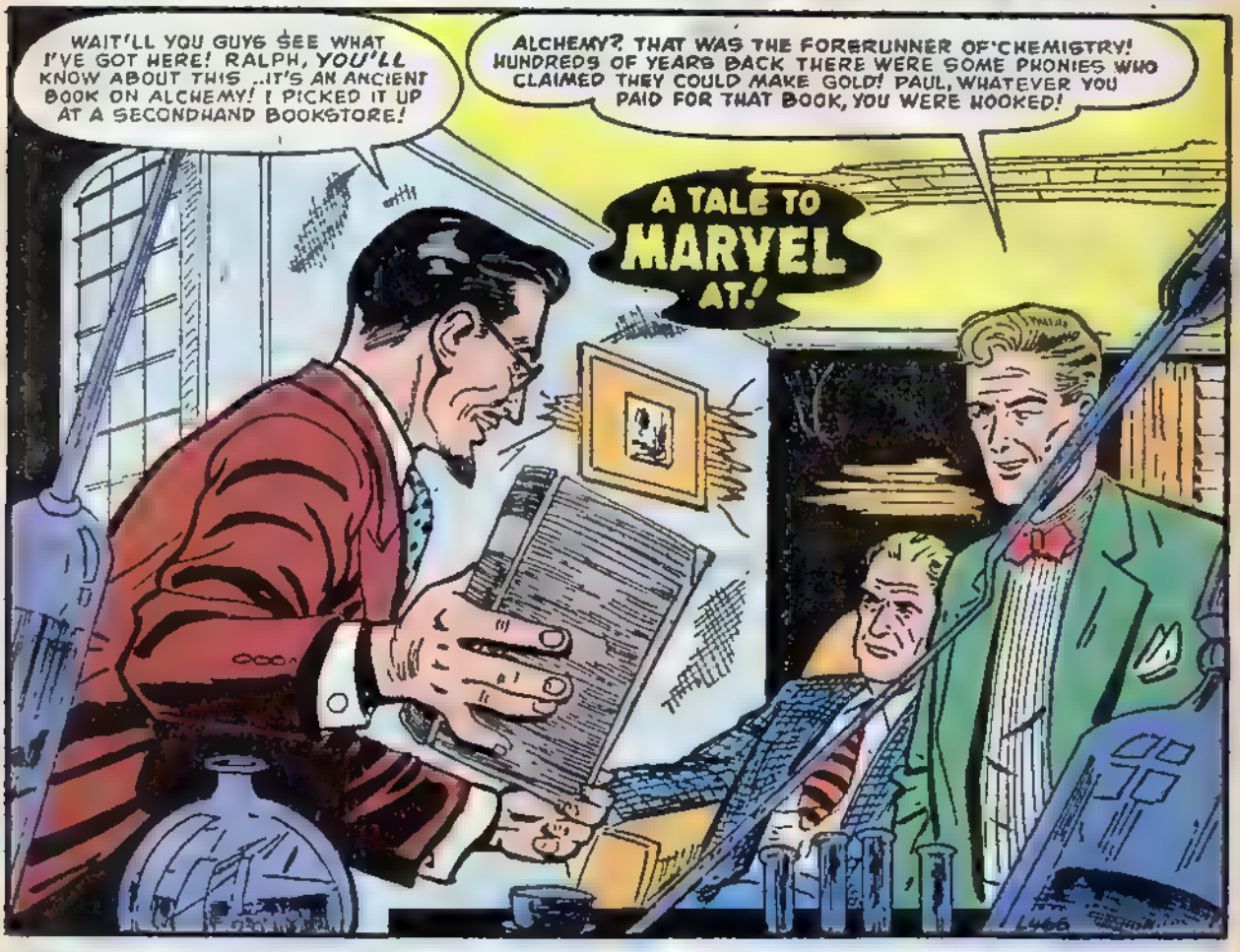
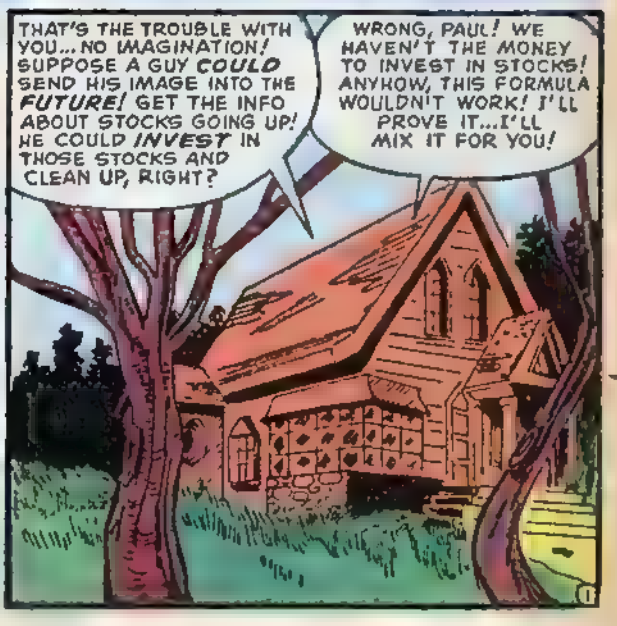
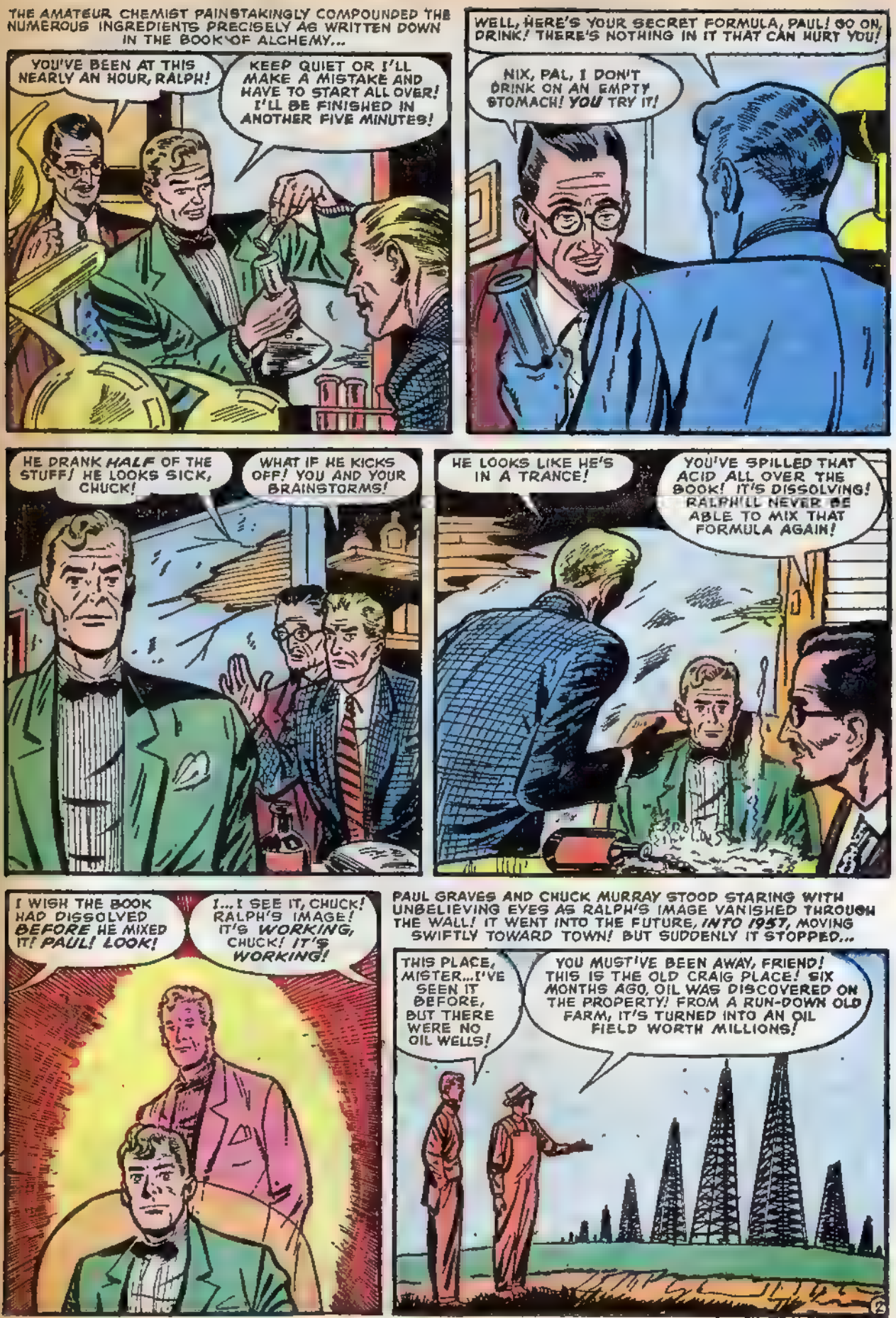
THE SECRET FORMULA!

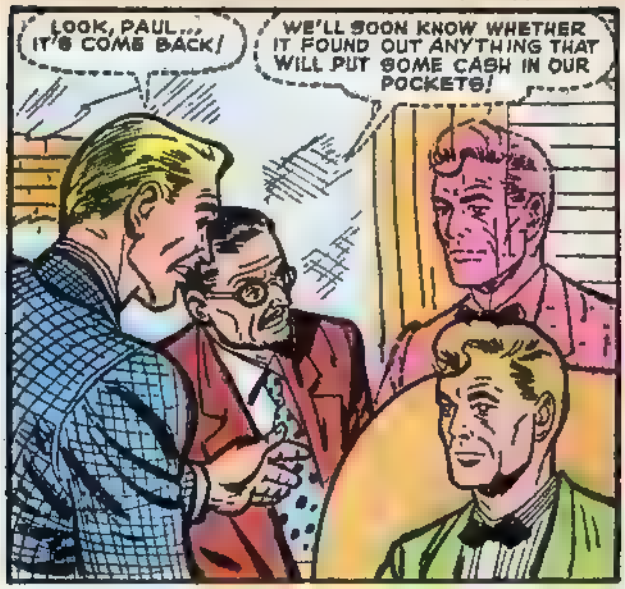

WAIT'LL YOU GUYS SEE WHAT I'VE GOT HERE! RALPH, YOU'LL KNOW ABOUT THIS ..IT'S AN ANCIENT BOOK ON ALCHEMY! I PICKED IT UP AT A SECONDHAND BOOKSTORE!
ALCHEMY? THAT WAS THE FOREBRUNNER OF CHEMISTRY! HUNDREDS OF YEARS BACK THERE WERE SOME PHONIES WHO CLAIMED THEY COULD MAKE GOLD! PAUL, WHATEVER YOU PAID FOR THAT BOOK, YOU WERE HOOKED!
A TALE TO MARVEL AT!

WHO SAYS I PAID FOR IT? I PICKED IT UP, AS I SAID! LOOK, RALPH, HERE'S A SECRET FORMULA FOR A POTION THAT'LL MAKE THE IMAGE OF THE GUY WHO DRINKS IT DO ANYTHING HE WILLS IT TO... GO INTO THE PAST OR FUTURE!
HUH! FOR A MINUTE I THOUGHT YOU HAD SOMETHING THAT WAS GOING TO MAKE US SOME MONEY!

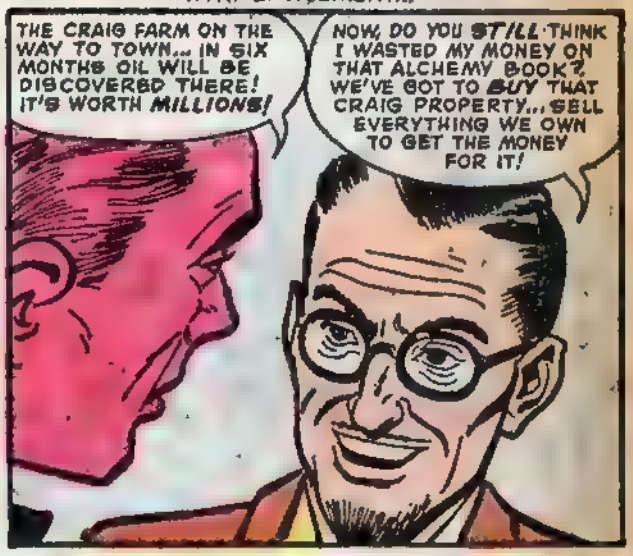

THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH YOU... NO IMAGINATION! SUPPOSE A GUY COULD SEND HIS IMAGE INTO THE FUTURE! GET THE INFO ABOUT STOCKS GOING UP! HE COULD INVEST IN THOSE STOCKS AND CLEAN UP, RIGHT?
WRONG, PAUL! WE HAVEN'T THE MONEY TO INVEST IN STOCKS! ANYHOW, THIS FORMULA WOULDN'T WORK! I'LL PROVE IT...I'LL MIX IT FOR YOU!


THE AMATEUR CHEMIST PAINSTAKINGLY COMPOUNDED THE NUMEROUS INGREDIENTS PRECISELY AS WRITTEN DOWN IN THE BOOK OF ALCHEMY...
YOU'VE BEEN AT THIS NEARLY AN HOUR, RALPH!
KEEP QUIET OR I'LL MAKE A MISTAKE AND HAVE TO START ALL OVER! I'LL BE FINISHED IN ANOTHER FIVE MINUTES!
WELL, HERE'S YOUR SECRET FORMULA, PAUL! GO ON, DRINK! THERE'S NOTHING IN IT THAT CAN HURT YOU!
NIX, PAL, I DON'T DRINK ON AN EMPTY STOMACH! YOU TRY IT!
HE DRANK HALF OF THE STUFF! HE LOOKS SICK, CHUCK!
WHAT IF HE KICKS OFF! YOU AND YOUR BRAINSTORMS!
HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN A TRANCE!
YOU'VE SPILLED THAT ACID ALL OVER THE BOOK! IT'S DISSOLVING! RALPH'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO MIX THAT FORMULA AGAIN!
I WISH THE BOOK HAD DISSOLVED BEFORE HE MIXED IT! PAUL! LOOK!
I... I SEE IT, CHUCK! RALPH'S IMAGE! IT'S WORKING, CHUCK! IT'S WORKING!
PAUL GRAVES AND CHUCK MURRAY STOOD STARING WITH UNBELIEVING EYES AS RALPH'S IMAGE VANISHED THROUGH THE WALL! IT WENT INTO THE FUTURE, INTO 1957, MOVING SWIFTLY TOWARD TOWN! BUT SUDDENLY IT STOPPED...
THIS PLACE, MISTER... I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE, BUT THERE WERE NO OIL WELLS!
YOU MUST'VE BEEN AWAY, FRIEND! THIS IS THE OLD CRAIG PLACE! SIX MONTHS AGO, OIL WAS DISCOVERED ON THE PROPERTY! FROM A RUN-DOWN OLD FARM, IT'S TURNED INTO AN OIL FIELD WORTH MILLIONS!

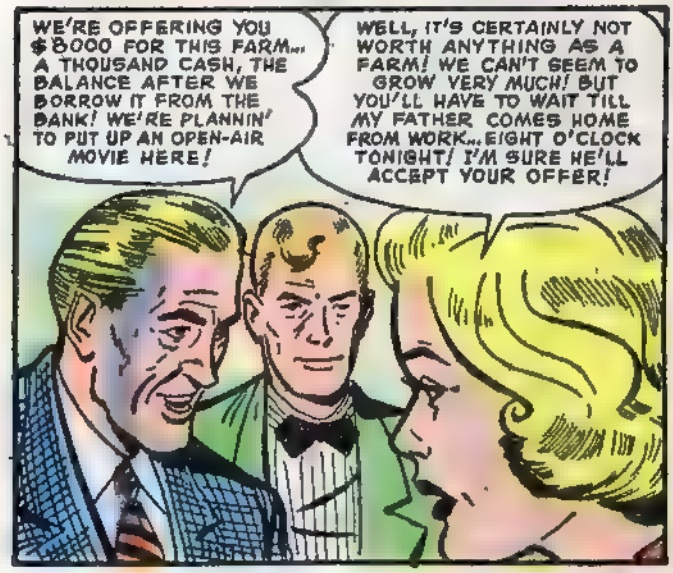
RALPH'S IMAGE WAS GONE BUT A HALF-HOUR...



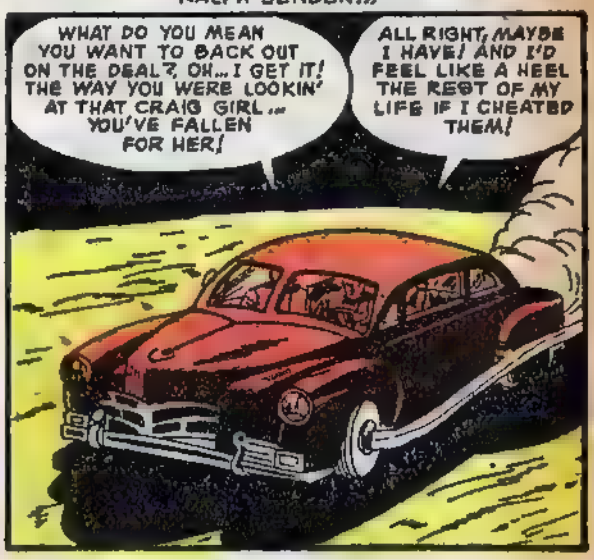
TWO MINUTES AFTER RALPH'S IMAGE RE-ENTERED HIS BEING, THE CHEMIST CAME OUT OF HIS TRANCE, ALIVE WITH EXCITEMENT...

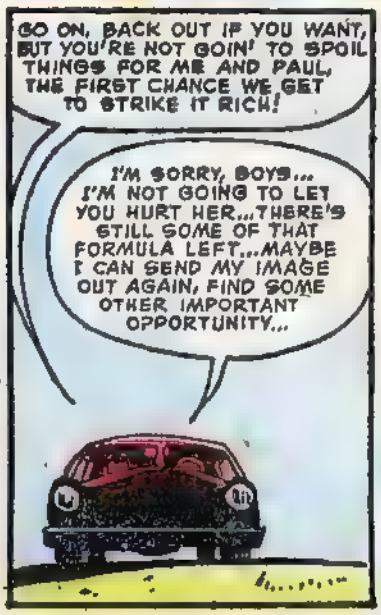

THE CRAIG FARM ON THE WAY TO TOWN... IN SIX MONTHS OIL WILL BE DISCOVERED THERE! IT'S WORTH MILLIONS!
NOW, DO YOU STILL THINK I WASTED MY MONEY ON THAT ALCHEMY BOOK? WE'VE GOT TO BUY THAT CRAIG PROPERTY... SELL EVERYTHING WE OWN TO GET THE MONEY FOR IT!

A FEW DAYS LATER, THEY HAD SCRAPED UP A THOUSAND DOLLARS, AND NOW SPOKE TO LUCY CRAIG...


WE'RE OFFERING YOU $8000 FOR THIS FARM... A THOUSAND CASH, THE BALANCE AFTER WE BORROW IT FROM THE BANK! WE'RE PLANNIN' TO PUT UP AN OPEN-AIR MOVIE HERE!
WELL, IT'S CERTAINLY NOT WORTH ANYTHING AS A FARM! WE CAN'T SEEM TO GROW VERY MUCH! BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO WAIT TILL MY FATHER COMES HOME FROM WORK... EIGHT O'CLOCK TONIGHT! I'M SURE HE'LL ACCEPT YOUR OFFER!

PAUL AND CHUCK WERE SURE THEY HAD THE WHOLE DEAL SEWED UP, BUT A CHANGE HAD COME OVER RALPH JENSEN...


WHAT DO YOU MEAN YOU WANT TO BACK OUT ON THE DEAL? OH... I GET IT! THE WAY YOU WERE LOOKIN' AT THAT CRAIG GIRL... YOU'VE FALLEN FOR HER!
ALL RIGHT, MAYBE I HAVE! AND I'D FEEL LIKE A HEEL THE REST OF MY LIFE IF I CHEATED THEM!


GO ON, BACK OUT IF YOU WANT, BUT YOU'RE NOT GOIN' TO SPOIL THINGS FOR ME AND PAUL, THE FIRST CHANCE WE GET TO STRIKE IT RICH!
I'M SORRY, BOYS... I'M NOT GOING TO LET YOU HURT HER... THERE'S STILL SOME OF THAT FORMULA LEFT... MAYBE I CAN SEND MY IMAGE OUT AGAIN, FIND SOME OTHER IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY...

AT 7 O'CLOCK THAT EVENING, CHUCK AND PAUL CAME TO RALPH'S HOUSE TO GIVE HIM ONE MORE CHANCE TO CHANGE HIS MIND...

I MEANT WHAT I SAID! YOU TRY TO CHEAT THE CRAIGS AND I'LL TELL THEM THERE'S OIL ON THEIR LAND!
YOU'LL TELL THEM NOTHIN', RALPH! YOU'RE STAYING RIGHT HERE TILL WE CLOSE THE DEAL!

PAUL COVERED RALPH WITH A GUN WHILE CHUCK SECURELY BOUND THEIR FORMER ASSOCIATE IN A CHAIR...

AND JUST TO MAKE SURE NO ONE COMES IN TO FREE YOU, I'M GOING TO LOCK THE DOOR!
YOU DIDN'T DOUBLE-CROSS US, PAL... YOU DOUBLE CROSSED YOURSELF! WE'LL HAVE ONE LESS GUY TO SPLIT ALL THOSE MILLIONS WITH!

RALPH STRUGGLED FOR TEN MINUTES BEFORE WORKING ONE ARM FREE...

GOT TO GET OUT TO THE CRAIGS...WARN THEM BEFORE CHUCK AND PAUL GET THERE!

JUST THREE MINUTES LATER...

LUCY AND AL CRAIG, WHO HAD BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO UNLOADING THEIR UNPROFITABLE FARM AT ALMOST WHAT THEY'D PAID FOR IT, WERE ASTOUNDED BY WHAT THEIR VISITOR TOLD THEM...

OIL... ON OUR LAND! NO WONDER NOTHING GROWS HERE! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO THANK YOU, MR. JENSEN... MAYBE, SOMEDAY, WHEN WE'RE RICH...

YEAH, MAYBE YOU'LL GIVE ME A JOB! RIGHT NOW, I'D BETTER BE GETTING BACK BEFORE PAUL AND CHUCK COME HERE!

JUST AS RALPH LEFT THE CRAIG FARMHOUSE, HIS TWO FORMER PALS ARRIVED!

CHUCK, YOU STUPID FOOL! YOU SAID YOU TIED RALPH SO HE COULDN'T GET LOOSE! HE'S BEAT US TO THE CRAIGS! HE'S RUINED THE WHOLE THING!

Y-YOU'VE KILLED HIM, PAUL! HE HAD IT COMIN'... B-BUT WE'D BETTER CLEAR OUT! THE CRAIGS WILL KNOW WE DID IT! THEY'LL CALL THE POLICE!

THE TWO THIEVES LEAPED INTO THE CAR, AND DROVE AWAY AT TOP SPEED! THEY HAD ONLY GONE A THOUSAND YARDS, WHEN PAUL LOST CONTROL...

BUT RALPH JENSEN HAD NOT BEEN SHOT, FOR WHEN HE HAD FREED HIMSELF, RALPH WAS AWARE THAT THE ONLY WAY HE COULD REACH THE CRAIGS *AHEAD* OF PAUL AND CHUCK WAS BY DRINKING THE REST OF THE FORMULA, BY SENDING HIS IMAGE IN HIS PLACE! AND NOW THAT IMAGE HAD RETURNED...

WHEN RALPH CAME OUT OF HIS TRANCE, HE KNEW HIS PURPOSE HAD BEEN ACHIEVED...

IT'S THE FIRST REALLY DECENT THING I'VE EVER DONE IN MY LIFE! I FEEL CLEAN, LIKE I'M READY TO MAKE A FRESH START! YES, I'M GOING TO MAKE MY LIFE WORTHWHILE FROM NOW ON!

THE END

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more practical. First, I ought to find out if I can write *anything* before I attempt prose. Perhaps, for a change, I ought to start worrying about *earning* some money before I dissipate my remaining inheritance."

He picked up the quill pen and it gave him a sudden sense of confidence and power. Within a few minutes, he had scribbled a few lines that were pleasing to his eye. The words were balanced and written in a beautiful flowing style. Without wasting any time, Paul enclosed his entry in an envelope, sealed and addressed it, and quickly put it in the mails.

An uneventful week passed. Then, one night, he heard Mrs. Harding pounding on his door. "Paul . . . Paul . . . come quickly," she shouted. "The phone downstairs . . . there's a man on . . . long distance . . . from a TV program . . . he wants to speak to you . . . hurry . . . the whole country is waiting . . ."

Paul's feet flew down the stairs. When he picked up the receiver and identified himself, the announcer congratulated him. "Do you know," came the frantic voice, "YOU have been selected the *winner* of the NO-GRIT SUDS contest. Your check, for the most original slogan we've ever seen, is for $25,000! What are you going to do with all that money, Paul?"

"I guess I'll just use it to pay my rent," Paul stammered before he could collect his thoughts. Then, he strove to clarify his words over the noise of the audience. "Sometimes it's a long spread between meals for a struggling writer. Now that I've won, I guess I won't go hungry and my landlady won't have to worry where her next week's rent is coming from."

Paul developed a name, however. His humility had been observed by millions of listeners. Magazine editors became interested in him. His new stories, all penned with the ancient quill, were submitted to the best markets. Now, instead of cold rejection slips, he got a careful reading. He began to sell to the best markets. The family weeklies, the Sunday news supplements, TV dramatic show producers, and even the movie moguls in Hollywood were after him.

Paul, understandably, was swayed. As his income skyrocketed and his success extended to all fields, he felt he had reached a higher station in life. That's why he sought a more fashionable abode in a more stylish section of town. He left his old room in the old undesirable neighborhood. He left his landlady and his old room with the old desk with the old pen.

Apparently, he left his talent there, too. He hasn't sold another story to anybody since. Maybe his *old* room is *waiting* for him!

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A TALE TO MARVEL AT!
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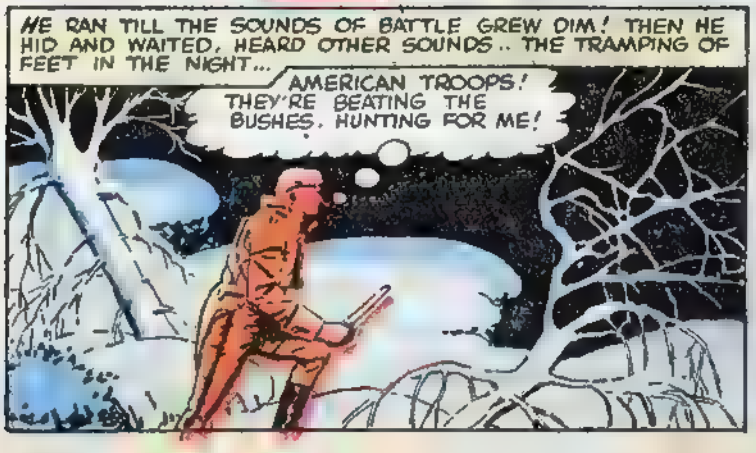
HE RAN TILL THE SOUNDS OF BATTLE GREW DIM! THEN HE HID AND WAITED, HEARD OTHER SOUNDS.. THE TRAMPING OF FEET IN THE NIGHT...
AMERICAN TROOPS! THEY'RE BEATING THE BUSHES, HUNTING FOR ME!

AND HE HEARD ANOTHER SOUND, A VOICE NEARBY...
WHERE ARE YOU, SETH COLLINS? WE'RE COMING FOR YOU!
I CAN'T LET THEM GET ME! I'LL BE SHOT FOR DESERTION!
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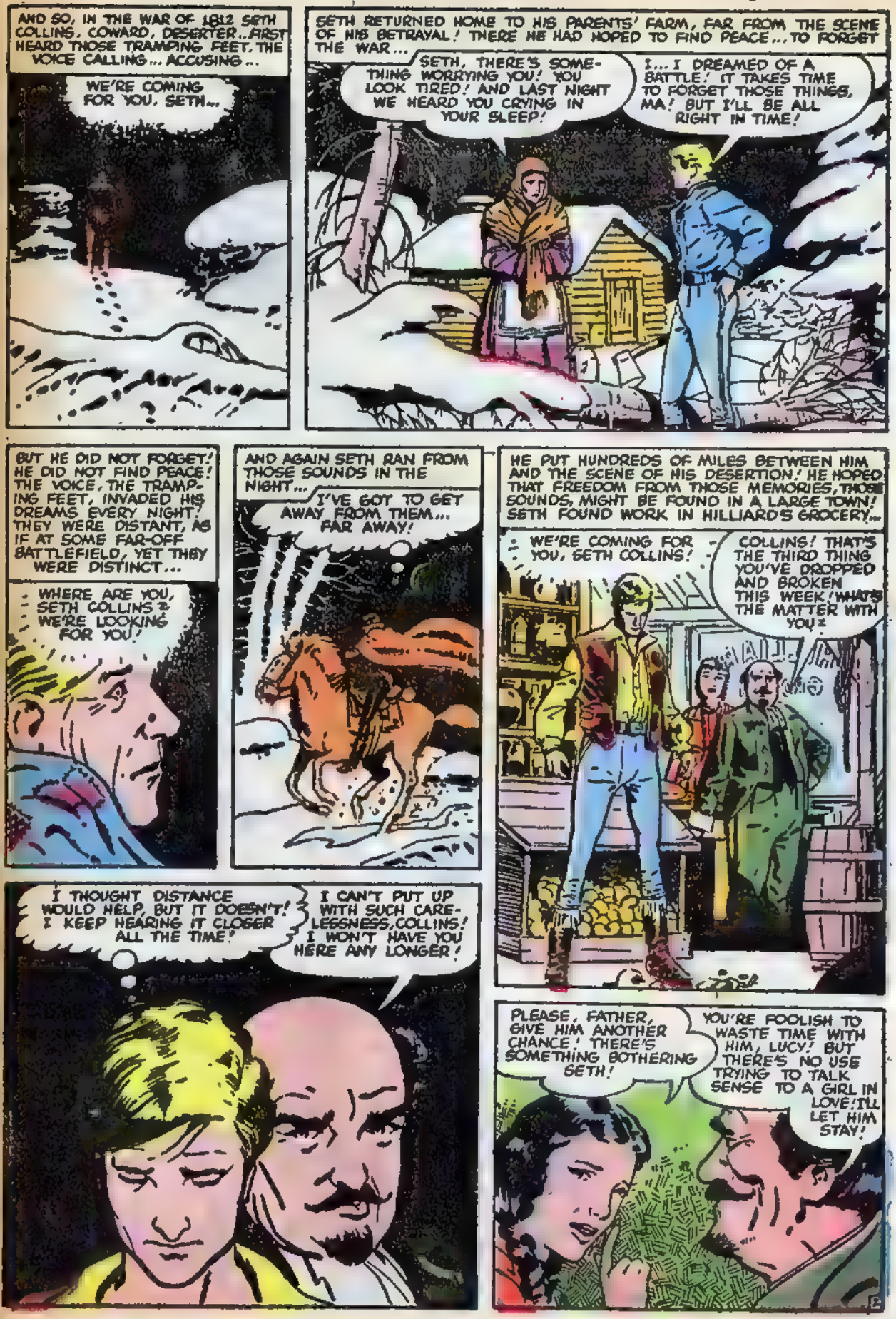
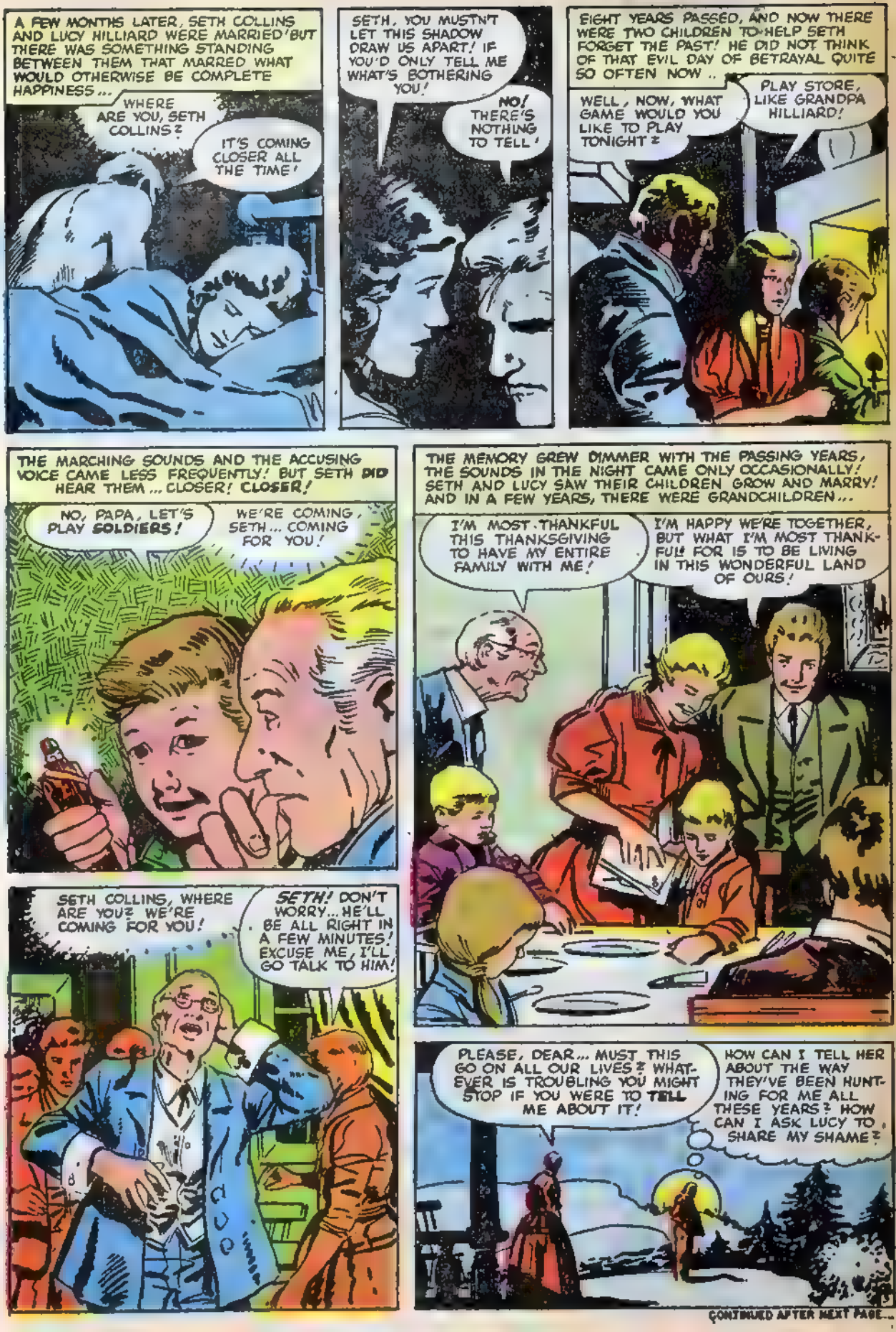

AND SO, IN THE WAR OF 1812 SETH COLLINS, COWARD, DESERTER..FIRST HEARD THOSE TRAMPING FEET, THE VOICE CALLING... ACCUSING...
WE'RE COMING FOR YOU, SETH...
SETH RETURNED HOME TO HIS PARENTS' FARM, FAR FROM THE SCENE OF HIS BETRAYAL! THERE HE HAD HOPED TO FIND PEACE... TO FORGET THE WAR...
SETH, THERE'S SOMETHING WORRYING YOU! YOU LOOK TIRED! AND LAST NIGHT WE HEARD YOU CRYING IN YOUR SLEEP!
I... I DREAMED OF A BATTLE! IT TAKES TIME TO FORGET THOSE THINGS, MA! BUT I'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN TIME!
BUT HE DID NOT FORGET! HE DID NOT FIND PEACE! THE VOICE, THE TRAMPING FEET, INVADED HIS DREAMS EVERY NIGHT! THEY WERE DISTANT, AS IF AT SOME FAR-OFF BATTLEFIELD, YET THEY WERE DISTINCT...
WHERE ARE YOU, SETH COLLINS? WE'RE LOOKING FOR YOU!
AND AGAIN SETH RAN FROM THOSE SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT...
I'VE GOT TO GET AWAY FROM THEM... FAR AWAY!
HE PUT HUNDREDS OF MILES BETWEEN HIM AND THE SCENE OF HIS DESERTION! HE HOPED THAT FREEDOM FROM THOSE MEMORIES, THOSE SOUNDS, MIGHT BE FOUND IN A LARGE TOWN! SETH FOUND WORK IN HILLIARD'S GROCERY...
WE'RE COMING FOR YOU, SETH COLLINS!
COLLINS! THAT'S THE THIRD THING YOU'VE DROPPED AND BROKEN THIS WEEK! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH YOU?
I THOUGHT DISTANCE WOULD HELP, BUT IT DOESN'T! I KEEP HEARING IT CLOSER ALL THE TIME!
I CAN'T PUT UP WITH SUCH CARELESSNESS, COLLINS! I WON'T HAVE YOU HERE ANY LONGER!
PLEASE, FATHER, GIVE HIM ANOTHER CHANCE! THERE'S SOMETHING BOTHERING SETH!
YOU'RE FOOLISH TO WASTE TIME WITH HIM, LUCY! BUT THERE'S NO USE TRYING TO TALK SENSE TO A GIRL IN LOVE! I'LL LET HIM STAY!


A FEW MONTHS LATER, SETH COLLINS AND LUCY HILLIARD WERE MARRIED BUT THERE WAS SOMETHING STANDING BETWEEN THEM THAT MARRED WHAT WOULD OTHERWISE BE COMPLETE HAPPINESS...
WHERE ARE YOU, SETH COLLINS?
IT'S COMING CLOSER ALL THE TIME!
SETH, YOU MUSTN'T LET THIS SHADOW DRAW US APART! IF YOU'D ONLY TELL ME WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU!
NO! THERE'S NOTHING TO TELL!
EIGHT YEARS PASSED, AND NOW THERE WERE TWO CHILDREN TO HELP SETH FORGET THE PAST! HE DID NOT THINK OF THAT EVIL DAY OF BETRAYAL QUITE SO OFTEN NOW..
WELL, NOW, WHAT GAME WOULD YOU LIKE TO PLAY TONIGHT?
PLAY STORE, LIKE GRANDPA HILLIARD!
THE MARCHING SOUNDS AND THE ACCUSING VOICE CAME LESS FREQUENTLY! BUT SETH DID HEAR THEM... CLOSER! CLOSER!
NO, PAPA, LET'S PLAY SOLDIERS!
WE'RE COMING, SETH... COMING FOR YOU!
THE MEMORY GREW DIMMER WITH THE PASSING YEARS, THE SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT CAME ONLY OCCASIONALLY! SETH AND LUCY SAW THEIR CHILDREN GROW AND MARRY! AND IN A FEW YEARS, THERE WERE GRANDCHILDREN...
I'M MOST THANKFUL THIS THANKSGIVING TO HAVE MY ENTIRE FAMILY WITH ME!
I'M HAPPY WE'RE TOGETHER, BUT WHAT I'M MOST THANKFUL FOR IS TO BE LIVING IN THIS WONDERFUL LAND OF OURS!
SETH COLLINS, WHERE ARE YOU? WE'RE COMING FOR YOU!
SETH! DON'T WORRY... HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT IN A FEW MINUTES! EXCUSE ME, I'LL GO TALK TO HIM!
PLEASE, DEAR... MUST THIS GO ON ALL OUR LIVES? WHATEVER IS TROUBLING YOU MIGHT STOP IF YOU WERE TO TELL ME ABOUT IT!
HOW CAN I TELL HER ABOUT THE WAY THEY'VE BEEN HUNTING FOR ME ALL THESE YEARS? HOW CAN I ASK LUCY TO SHARE MY SHAME?

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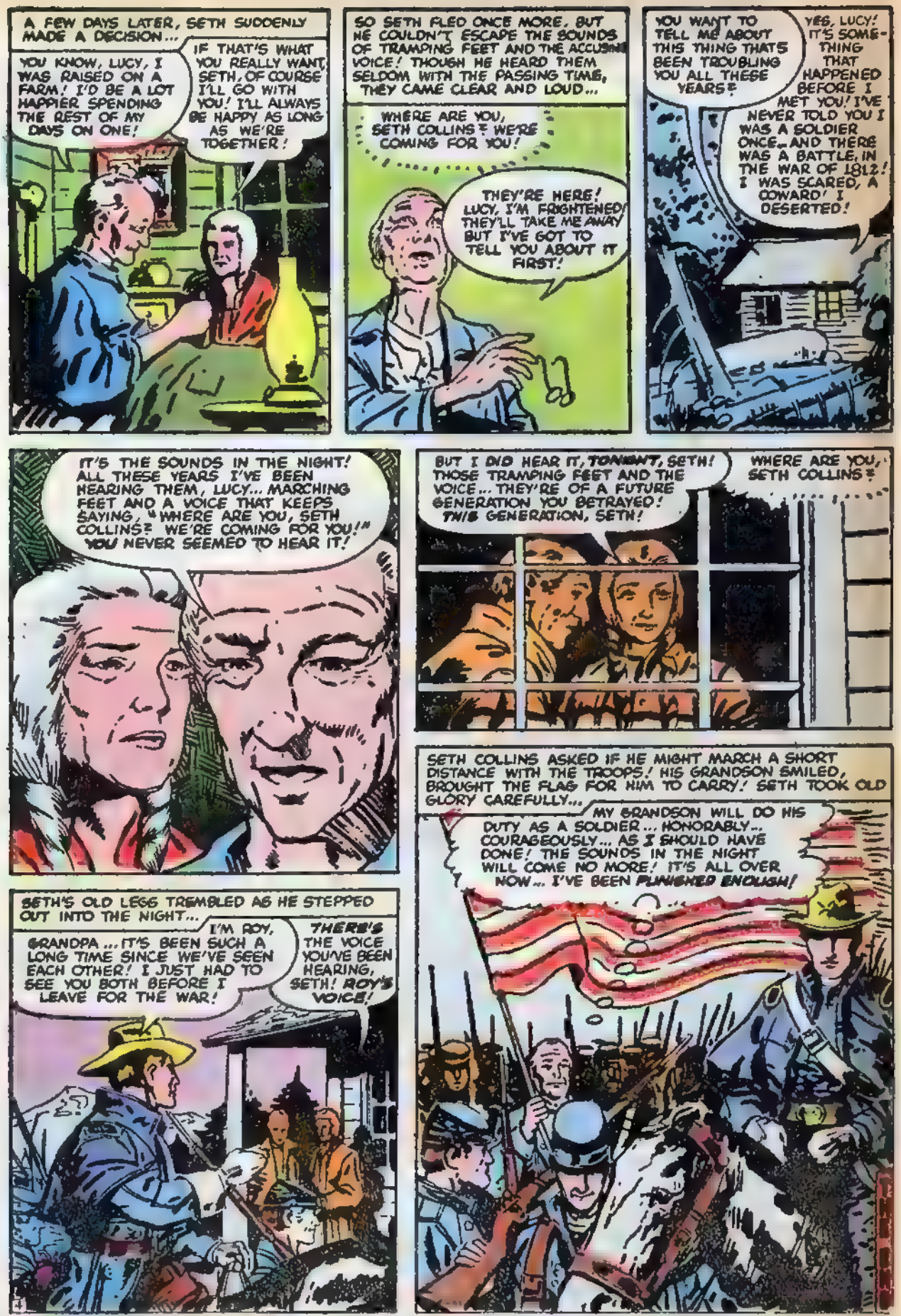
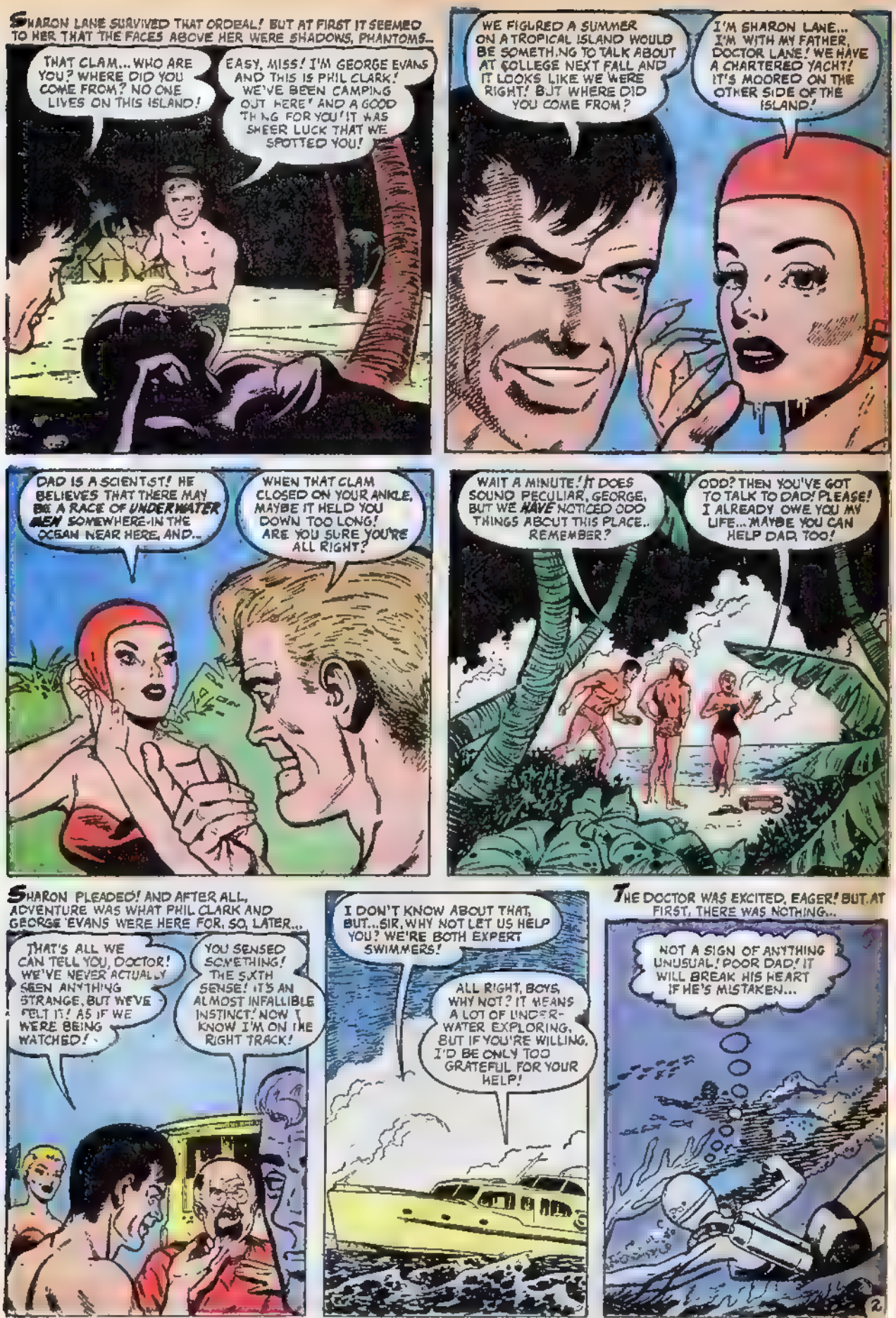

A FEW DAYS LATER, SETH SUDDENLY MADE A DECISION...
YOU KNOW, LUCY, I WAS RAISED ON A FARM! I'D BE A LOT HAPPIER SPENDING THE REST OF MY DAYS ON ONE!
IF THAT'S WHAT YOU REALLY WANT, SETH, OF COURSE I'LL GO WITH YOU! I'LL ALWAYS BE HAPPY AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER!
SO SETH FLED ONCE MORE, BUT HE COULDN'T ESCAPE THE SOUNDS OF TRAMPING FEET AND THE ACCUSING VOICE! THOUGH HE HEARD THEM SELDOM WITH THE PASSING TIME, THEY CAME CLEAR AND LOUD...
WHERE ARE YOU, SETH COLLINS? WE'RE COMING FOR YOU!
THEY'RE HERE! LUCY, I'M FRIGHTENED! THEY'LL TAKE ME AWAY BUT I'VE GOT TO TELL YOU ABOUT IT FIRST!
YOU WANT TO TELL ME ABOUT THIS THING THAT'S BEEN TROUBLING YOU ALL THESE YEARS?
YES, LUCY! IT'S SOMETHING THAT HAPPENED BEFORE I MET YOU! I'VE NEVER TOLD YOU I WAS A SOLDIER ONCE... AND THERE WAS A BATTLE, IN THE WAR OF 1812! I WAS SCARED, A COWARD! I DESERTED!
IT'S THE SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT! ALL THESE YEARS I'VE BEEN HEARING THEM, LUCY... MARCHING FEET AND A VOICE THAT KEEPS SAYING, "WHERE ARE YOU, SETH COLLINS? WE'RE COMING FOR YOU!" YOU NEVER SEEMED TO HEAR IT!
BUT I DID HEAR IT, TONIGHT, SETH! THOSE TRAMPING FEET AND THE VOICE... THEY'RE OF A FUTURE GENERATION YOU BETRAYED! THIS GENERATION, SETH!
WHERE ARE YOU, SETH COLLINS?
SETH COLLINS ASKED IF HE MIGHT MARCH A SHORT DISTANCE WITH THE TROOPS! HIS GRANDSON SMILED, BROUGHT THE FLAG FOR HIM TO CARRY! SETH TOOK OLD GLORY CAREFULLY...
MY GRANDSON WILL DO HIS DUTY AS A SOLDIER... HONORABLY... COURAGEOUSLY... AS I SHOULD HAVE DONE! THE SOUNDS IN THE NIGHT WILL COME NO MORE! IT'S ALL OVER NOW... I'VE BEEN PUNISHED ENOUGH!
SETH'S OLD LEGS TREMBLED AS HE STEPPED OUT INTO THE NIGHT...
I'M ROY, GRANDPA... IT'S BEEN SUCH A LONG TIME SINCE WE'VE SEEN EACH OTHER! I JUST HAD TO SEE YOU BOTH BEFORE I LEAVE FOR THE WAR!
THERE'S THE VOICE YOU'VE BEEN HEARING, SETH! ROY'S VOICE!

IF AN UNDERSEA CIVILIZATION DID EXIST IN THE WATERS AROUND THE ISLAND, IT HAD NO INTENTIONS OF BEING DISCOVERED! ITS MESSAGE TO THE HUMANS MADE THAT QUITE CLEAR!

Forbidden ...KEEP OUT!

ALMOST, THE STORY NEVER HAPPENED! IF SHARON LANE HAD DIED THAT MORNING, HER FATHER MIGHT HAVE LEFT THE ISLAND AT ONCE! BUT SHE DID NOT DIE!


SHARON LANE SURVIVED THAT ORDEAL! BUT AT FIRST IT SEEMED TO HER THAT THE FACES ABOVE HER WERE SHADOWS, PHANTOMS...
THAT CLAM... WHO ARE YOU? WHERE DID YOU COME FROM? NO ONE LIVES ON THIS ISLAND!
EASY, MISS! I'M GEORGE EVANS AND THIS IS PHIL CLARK! WE'VE BEEN CAMPING OUT HERE! AND A GOOD THING FOR YOU! IT WAS SHEER LUCK THAT WE SPOTTED YOU!
WE FIGURED A SUMMER ON A TROPICAL ISLAND WOULD BE SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT AT COLLEGE NEXT FALL AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE WERE RIGHT! BUT WHERE DID YOU COME FROM?
I'M SHARON LANE... I'M WITH MY FATHER, DOCTOR LANE! WE HAVE A CHARTERED YACHT! IT'S MOORED ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE ISLAND!
DAD IS A SCIENTIST! HE BELIEVES THAT THERE MAY BE A RACE OF UNDERWATER MEN SOMEWHERE IN THE OCEAN NEAR HERE, AND...
WHEN THAT CLAM CLOSED ON YOUR ANKLE, MAYBE IT HELD YOU DOWN TOO LONG! ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT?
WAIT A MINUTE! IT DOES SOUND PECULIAR, GEORGE, BUT WE HAVE NOTICED ODD THINGS ABOUT THIS PLACE.. REMEMBER?
ODD? THEN YOU'VE GOT TO TALK TO DAD! PLEASE! I ALREADY OWE YOU MY LIFE... MAYBE YOU CAN HELP DAD, TOO!
SHARON PLEADED! AND AFTER ALL, ADVENTURE WAS WHAT PHIL CLARK AND GEORGE EVANS WERE HERE FOR, SO, LATER...
THAT'S ALL WE CAN TELL YOU, DOCTOR! WE'VE NEVER ACTUALLY SEEN ANYTHING STRANGE, BUT WE'VE FELT IT! AS IF WE WERE BEING WATCHED!
YOU SENSED SOMETHING! THE SIXTH SENSE! IT'S AN ALMOST INFALLIBLE INSTINCT! NOW I KNOW I'M ON THE RIGHT TRACK!
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT, BUT... SIR, WHY NOT LET US HELP YOU? WE'RE BOTH EXPERT SWIMMERS!
ALL RIGHT, BOYS, WHY NOT? IT MEANS A LOT OF UNDERWATER EXPLORING, BUT IF YOU'RE WILLING, I'D BE ONLY TOO GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP!
THE DOCTOR WAS EXCITED, EAGER! BUT AT FIRST, THERE WAS NOTHING...
NOT A SIGN OF ANYTHING UNUSUAL! POOR DAD! IT WILL BREAK HIS HEART IF HE'S MISTAKEN...
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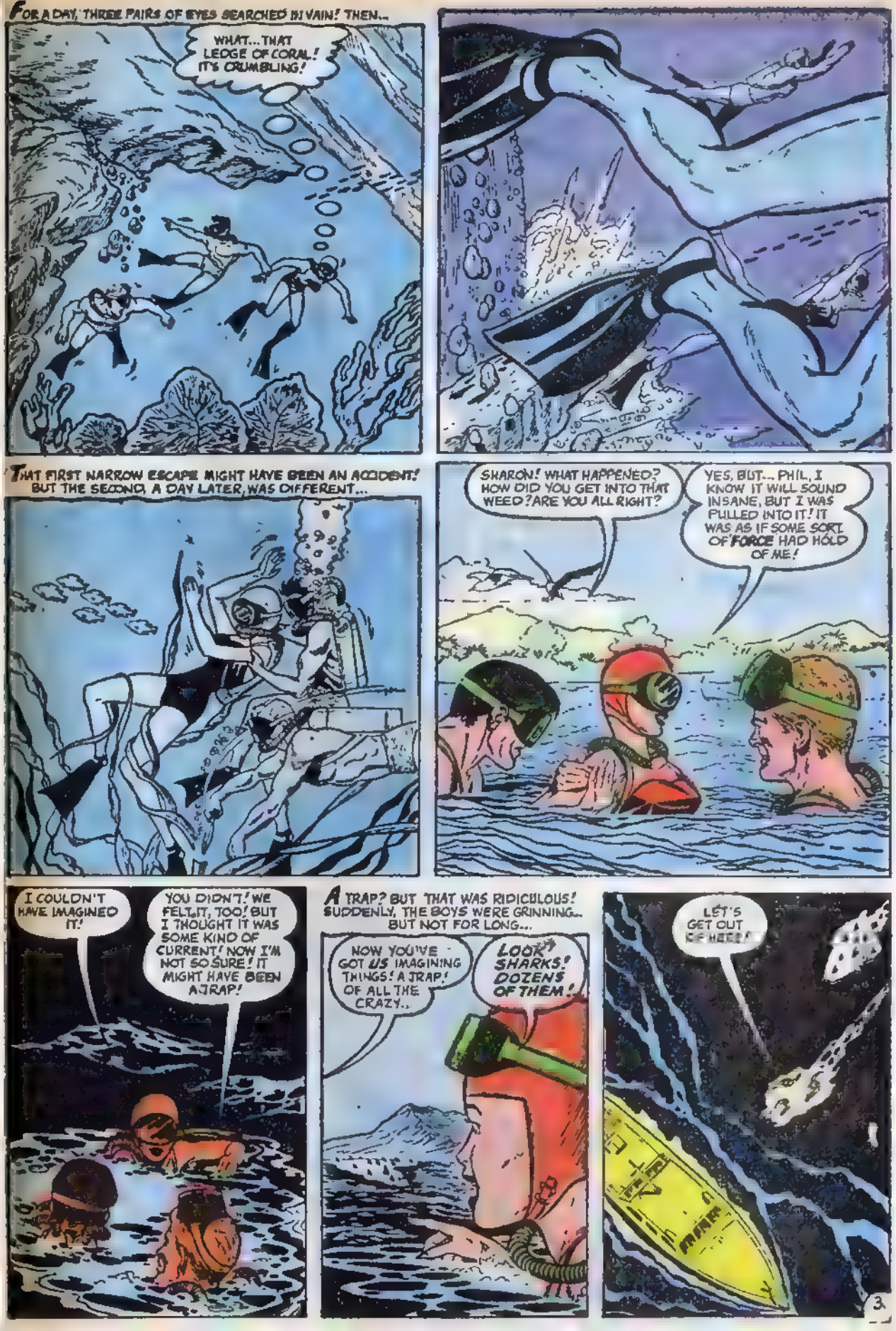
FOR A DAY, THREE PAIRS OF EYES SEARCHED IN VAIN! THEN...
WHAT... THAT LEDGE OF CORAL! IT'S CRUMBLING!
THAT FIRST NARROW ESCAPE MIGHT HAVE BEEN AN ACCIDENT! BUT THE SECOND, A DAY LATER, WAS DIFFERENT...
SHARON! WHAT HAPPENED? HOW DID YOU GET INTO THAT WEED? ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
YES, BUT... PHIL, I KNOW IT WILL SOUND INSANE, BUT I WAS PULLED INTO IT! IT WAS AS IF SOME SORT OF FORCE HAD HOLD OF ME!
I COULDN'T HAVE IMAGINED IT!
YOU DIDN'T! WE FELT IT, TOO! BUT I THOUGHT IT WAS SOME KIND OF CURRENT! NOW I'M NOT SO SURE! IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN A TRAP!
A TRAP? BUT THAT WAS RIDICULOUS! SUDDENLY, THE BOYS WERE GRINNING... BUT NOT FOR LONG...
NOW YOU'VE GOT US IMAGINING THINGS! A TRAP! OF ALL THE CRAZY..
LOOK! SHARKS! DOZENS OF THEM!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!
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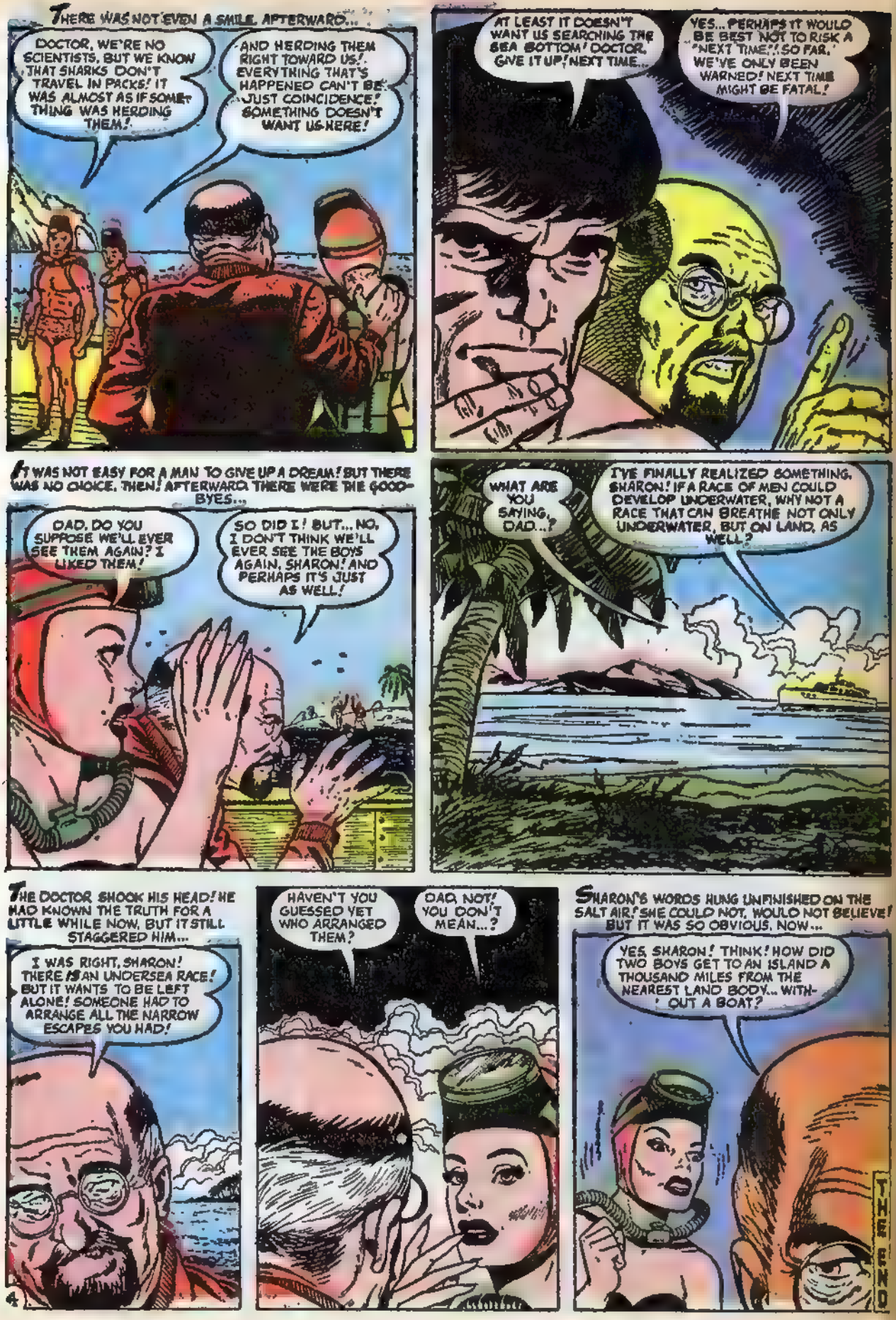
THERE WAS NOT EVEN A SMILE AFTERWARD...
DOCTOR, WE'RE NO SCIENTISTS, BUT WE KNOW THAT SHARKS DON'T TRAVEL IN PACKS! IT WAS ALMOST AS IF SOMETHING WAS HERDING THEM!
AND HERDING THEM RIGHT TOWARD US! EVERYTHING THAT'S HAPPENED CAN'T BE JUST COINCIDENCE! SOMETHING DOESN'T WANT US HERE!
AT LEAST IT DOESN'T WANT US SEARCHING THE SEA BOTTOM! DOCTOR, GIVE IT UP! NEXT TIME...
YES... PERHAPS IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO RISK A "NEXT TIME"! SO FAR, WE'VE ONLY BEEN WARNED! NEXT TIME MIGHT BE FATAL!
IT WAS NOT EASY FOR A MAN TO GIVE UP A DREAM! BUT THERE WAS NO CHOICE. THEN! AFTERWARD THERE WERE THE GOOD-BYES...
DAD, DO YOU SUPPOSE WE'LL EVER SEE THEM AGAIN? I LIKED THEM!
SO DID I! BUT... NO, I DON'T THINK WE'LL EVER SEE THE BOYS AGAIN, SHARON! AND PERHAPS IT'S JUST AS WELL!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, DAD...?
I'VE FINALLY REALIZED SOMETHING, SHARON! IF A RACE OF MEN COULD DEVELOP UNDERWATER, WHY NOT A RACE THAT CAN BREATHE NOT ONLY UNDERWATER, BUT ON LAND, AS WELL?
THE DOCTOR SHOOK HIS HEAD! HE HAD KNOWN THE TRUTH FOR A LITTLE WHILE NOW, BUT IT STILL STAGGERED HIM...
I WAS RIGHT, SHARON! THERE IS AN UNDERSEA RACE! BUT IT WANTS TO BE LEFT ALONE! SOMEONE HAD TO ARRANGE ALL THE NARROW ESCAPES YOU HAD!
HAVEN'T YOU GUESSED YET WHO ARRANGED THEM?
DAD, NO! YOU DON'T MEAN...?
SHARON'S WORDS HUNG UNFINISHED ON THE SALT AIR! SHE COULD NOT, WOULD NOT BELIEVE! BUT IT WAS SO OBVIOUS, NOW...
YES, SHARON! THINK! HOW DID TWO BOYS GET TO AN ISLAND A THOUSAND MILES FROM THE NEAREST LAND BODY... WITHOUT A BOAT?
THE END

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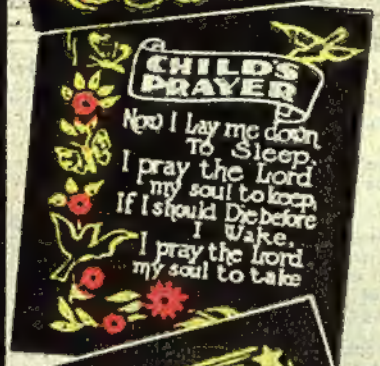
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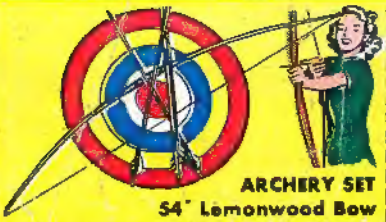

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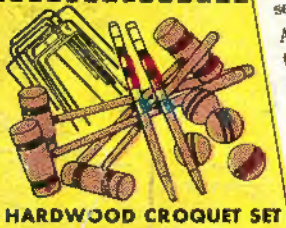

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